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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

S. G.—On the Crystal Palace track.
B. WOOD.—Yes.
FRANK HOLTON (Houck, Natal).—The gentleman you enquire about is out of the house you mention. He backed a boxer for a large sum, and the boxer lost by arrangement. He is at present in a very distressful state.
T. J.—Fitz weighed 11st 3lb.
GEORGE BISHOP.—Your portrait will appear in due course.
HENRY W. MARTIN.—Your letter received. Our space would not admit of it.
JAMES WOOD (alias "WIGAN JEM").—Send photo.
H. WALTERS.—Not been used for boxing matches for over two years.
G. BENTLEY.—1. Yes, sack racing over hurdles 1½ in height. 2. Many times.
T. BOULTER.—Peter Jackson lost to Jem Jeffries in three rounds at San Francisco.
H. WILLIAMS.—Proclamation won, invincible and oppressor were second and third.
J. POINTER.—The record was not accepted by the A.A.A.
S. WIDSON.—1. The ring was 24ft. 2. He won in nine rounds.
T. VERTUE.—Certainly.
W. PARTRIDGE.—100 single birds consecutive by A. H. Bogardus at Chicago, 1899; also by D. Fulford and A. H. Zandle.
S. V. V.—1. J. F. Donoghue skated one mile in 2min 12½ sec. 2. No record for that distance.
G. F.—There are plenty of good clubs in London. State where most convenient, and we will forward you address.
F. CLARK.—1. See the advertisement on back page for gloves. 2. Special.
E. CONDELL.—1. E. D. Fulford, 30yds rise, killed 100 pigeons in succession. 2. Five.
H. FRAWLEY.—Held in Glasgow.
J. PURDY.—1. Billy Mahon, of California, and George Mullholland fought a draw. 2. Five hours and forty-five minutes.
E. WARDON.—It would be a contest for endurance, and the club would not consent to it.
J. J. BLOIN.—It was usually £200 a-side.
C. COURTNEY.—1. Yes, Dundalk in Ireland.
S. CAMPBELL.—1. At the Central Hall, Holborn. 2. No, in America.
S. G. P.—1. He is English. 2. In London.
O. M.—It was Jackson, the champion, in 1795.
N. E. Y.—1. The placings were the same in the Middle Park Plate as in the Dewhurst Plate, Democrat, Diamond Jubilee, and Goblet occupying the same positions in each race. 2. No.
H. MAGUIRE.—Next to London we should say Birmingham.
T. PARKES.—A quadruplet record for a mile was accomplished in 1min 42½ sec, at the Green Point track, Cape Town.
C. REED.—1. It was with bare knuckles. 2. In Surrey.
W. SUMMERS.—From a standing start.
J. ATKINSON.—The amount would be £5 17s. 2d. with your own stake added.
G. HOBART.—1. "Kid" McCoy defeated Dan Creedon in fifteen rounds. 2. Puritan Club, U.S.A.
JOHN McLAUGHLIN.—Jem Smith is the heavy-weight champion, and J. P. Gardner (America) the middle-weight champion, as he defeated the holder, Frank Craig ("The Coffee Cooler").
NO NAME.—Five cards, six country game.
E. THOMAS (W. Smithfield).—No.
(Several answers crowded out).

REMARKS ON THE GERMAN GYMNASIUM COMPETITIONS.

DO THESE BIG GATES BENEFIT BOXING, AMATEUR OR PROFESSIONAL.

TERRY McGOVERN'S LAST VICTORY.

"KID" McCOY DEPARTS FOR AMERICA.

THE German Gym. competitions, which took place on Saturday evening, are simply shadows of the past, both in point of entrants and ability. In some weights there were only three entrants, and they were, in point of fact, one-man shows. Once upon a time it took two evenings to settle the business, now half a one would suffice. That both the amateur championships and the German Gym. meetings are business affairs and business affairs only, without any regard to the interest of boxing, is shown in the fact that not one penny of the two large gates—the one at the Turnhalle in St. Pancras Road, and the one at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly—goes in any way, shape, or form to support boxing. Why then, we ask, if the management make a big profit, why should amateurs be content to spar heavy bouts for paltry prizes? At St. Pancras five golden medals valued about a sov. each are given, with a certificate, while at the amateur championships five silver cups were given, set down to cost £52 dd, but which if broken up and sold at the present price of old silver, 1s. 10d. per ounce would fetch about the odd money. Then we ask, what becomes of these huge gates? Are the funds used to put all amateur boxers on the level? By the level we mean, are funds given for every entrant for every amateur competition to train? Or are funds used to fatten a school for boxing where good professors might be engaged to show pupils how to box, and not let them make exhibitions of themselves when they appear untutored on a public stage? At the present day one aspirant for championship honours may be sent away for a month's training, while another who has no friends but is ambitious, not being able to lose time, may come straight away from work to contend with the trained man. A boxing professor may enter a pupil, but he is not allowed to give that pupil advice, out of work boxers being given a job. While in contrast to this Draconian law, sitting in judgment on the merits of boxers may be seen men who are either presidents, secretaries, or something official of the clubs from which candidates for championship honours are selected to contend. On Saturday evening those conversant with boxing could see at once when running down the list of entrants that with the exception of the bantams the other weights were absolute certainties (bar accident) for certain entrants. Form which had been previously disguised was shown in its true colours at a recent meeting of the Polytechnic B.C. C. G. Clarke, of the Lynn B.C., who entered for the feather-weights of the German Gym., had proved himself so superior to all the other entrants, and had won the Poly. feather-weight competition in so business-like a manner, that when his name appeared in the feather-weight competitions of the German Gym. no sane person could doubt that Clarke would have a walk-over. Easily defeating a German Gym. candidate, Clarke settled the pretensions of the runner-up in the final, who had previously had a bye (so scanty were the entrants) in one round. In the light-weights A. Warner, of the Highgate Harriers, who had previously won a competition at this weight at the Poly. B.C., found himself one of three (as in the feather weights). His first opponent he knocked out in the first round, and his second opponent, who had a bye, also in the first round, and won one of the easiest of championships. In the middle-weights R. C. Warner, of the Lynn B.C., another Poly. winner, had a more easy show than either of the above. After he had beaten his only opponent he had a walk-over for the championship, the other one of three entrants retiring. For the heavy-weights Mann, of the Lynn B.C., another Poly. winner, had it all his own way. After

Phillips, of the Battersea B.C.—the most promising man in this competition—had sparred a bye, he met Mann, with the result that he was knocked out in the third round. Thus it will be seen that one club has a reserve of pot-hunters making winning an absolute certainty in every competition in which they had entrants.

Eugene Stratton, the favourite of the music-halls, and Charles "Kid" McCoy, the pugilist, sail for New York on the *Compania* to-day.

Such was the brief notice which appeared in one of the daily papers on Saturday. Eugene Stratton, like Charlie Mitchell, is a son-in-law to "Pony" Moore, at whose house in the Finchley Road McCoy has been a frequent visitor. In this country we had heard much of the vast improvement of the "Kid" since his last appearance at the N.S.C. in an engagement with Ted White, the ex-amateur heavy-weight champion, and when the "Kid" was billed to meet another ex-amateur heavy-weight champion in the person of Joe Steers expectation ran high. Like a shadow McCoy came and like a shadow McCoy departed, for the "Kid" was in this country so long before he unveiled himself, that doubts were thrown on the reality of his visit. Just when expectations are high concerning the "Kid," just when his engagement and approaching marriage are published, just when he is interviewed by a representative of the "highest authority" on sport, whom he assures that he will keep his word and spar at Mr. Bettinson's benefit, the "Kid" has paid his passage money and is now on the high seas voyaging home to the States.

The more we read of McGovern the more we are astonished. He demolishes his opponents, big or little, like Sam Weller did the beadle. First it is Frank Erne, the crack light-weight, and then it is the coloured champion, Joe Gans, the coloured champion who had made as big a reputation in his class as his "brudder black," George Dixon. Joe Gans must have thought no small beer of himself, for he undertook to knock out this same McGovern in six rounds. According to our cablegram, Gans appeared on the scene of the encounter overweight, but McGovern declined to claim the forfeit. Joe found the knocking-out business was all the other way. The man who came to slay was slain, for Joe Gans, instead of knocking his opponent out prior to the expiration of six rounds, was himself knocked out in the second round. Repeated victories have given McGovern such confidence in his fistic ability that when he enters the ring he looks upon each successive opponent with superb contempt—a contempt which seems to say, "Don't you think you have an amount of cheek to come here to oppose me?" and Terry slogs at them in a way which indicates as plain as if he had spoken, "I'll beat you more for that than anything." No doubt there are a number of persons anxious to view this same Terry McGovern and see for themselves the sort of man this Brooklyn Terror is. The representative of THE MIRROR OF LIFE will no doubt be the means of bringing Terry and Ben Jordan together in Derby week at the N.S.C., and we remark en passant that all matches of any prominence which have taken place at the N.S.C. and elsewhere have been made by THE MIRROR OF LIFE. As West, the "Stump Orator," used to observe in the long ago, "Am I right or any other man?"

VISITORS TO "THE MIRROR OF LIFE" OFFICE.

AMONG the prominent people who have visited us this week are:—

Jack Fraser (Boston, U.S.A.).
Mr. J. T. Hulls, Jun.
Harry Wright (boxing caterer).
Mrs. Harry Wright.
Mr. Birt.
J. Dorley (stoker, R.N.).
Mr. Jones (Adelaide, S. Australia).
Mr. Hill (licensed victualler, Borough).
Mr. Le Neve (strong man).
Norah Sullivan (strong woman).
Mr. Hendrick.
Jem Barry.
Alf Slater (Old Skiddy).
Arthur Morris.
J. Hewitt.
Ernest Webb.
Prof. A. J. Newton (boxing instructor).
Jack Carkeek (champion wrestler).

THE MAN WHO RAN THE LIFT WAS A SCRAPPER.

And Stopped the Cheeky Postman with a Clip on the Point.

(Subject of Illustration.)

THE man whose business consists of running a lift in a public building comes to the conclusion that he is always in the wrong place, for just as he starts to go up the ring signals for his return, and when on his journey down some person who declines to use the stairs violently rings him up again. It is the same with the messengers and postmen. The lift is always at the other end when they appear upon the scene, or is just vanishing out of sight, so that no wonder, unless a man be a perfect job for patience, he loses his temper and curses the invention. The lift porter and postman had a scrap, the latter using some strong language on the porter's behaviour in leaving him behind, and for the set-to they were fined and bound over.

THE LOVE LETTER WAS NEVER DELIVERED.

The Wrong Lady Became the Possessor of its Contents.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A DARK and misty evening, when a youth, trudging home, was accosted by a gentleman, and with the offer of a few coppers was easily induced to deliver a letter at a house indicated. The youth started on his errand, but the fates were against the letter being delivered, for from another corner a lady sprang upon the youngster, and before the astonished youth could realise it she had seized the letter. There now promises to be some pretty and interesting doings at the divorce court, when the lady will, it is said, be able to establish a sensational and startling romantic story.

THE NEW LAWS WHICH ARE BEING ENFORCED IN NEW YORK.

Latest Move by the Authorities to Improve the Citizens' Morals.

(Subject of Illustration.)

HEMMED in on all sides, the inmates of a house in the fashionable quarter of New York found it impossible to escape. At the doors were posted the police and a goodly number on the roof, so that there was no escape in that quarter; in fact, the house was surrounded by the officers. Forcing an entrance, they found evidence sufficient to detain the people found in the building gaming in one room, and in the others were bars where wines could be purchased; in fact, it is described as the most disorderly house in any city.

GEORGE CHRISP, OF NEWCASTLE.

Who Met Harry Smith at Ginnett's Circus, Gateshead, December 17.

(With Portrait.)

GEORGE CHRISP was at one time the feature of boxing at Newcastle, where he was considered the best at his weight in the provinces, and a match for any middle-weight Londoner. He has beaten Jemmy Lowes, Harry Downie, and Ted Reat. Beat Joe Smith, 4rds; beaten by Jerry Driscoll; beaten by Charley Johnson, of America; beat Jem Smith, 5rds; beat Jack Howley, 6rds; beat E. W. Rollins ("Starlight"), of Australia, 12rds; beat Jem Richardson, 8rds; beaten by Frank W. Craig (the "Coffee Cooler"), in 12rds. Met Harry Smith at Ginnett's Circus, December 17, and knocked him out in 14rds.

MURDERED HIS FATHER AND BROTHER.

Terrible Crime of a Half-Witted Son.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A TERRIBLE crime has been committed by a man of weak intellect. He worked as a shoeing smith with his father and brother, and was always considered harmless, though strange in his ways and habits. It appears that after being rebuked for a slight fault he seized an iron bar, and with a powerful blow stretched his brother lifeless at his feet, the father, coming forward to protect him, was the next victim, for again the iron bar fell upon his head, and both were found to be dead. The murderer made no effort to escape, but visited a beer house where he was taken into custody.

JEM BUTLER.

The One-Legged Irish Champion at 10st 6lb.

(With Portrait.)

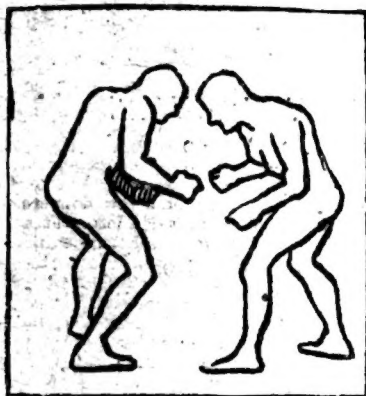
JEM BUTLER was born in Belfast on August 17, 1873. Fought P. Carney, in Kilbeggen, County Westmeath, in August, 1898; defeated him in eight rounds. Defeated Doyle in four rounds at the Town Hall, in Tipperary, for the one-legged championship of Ireland. He is now open to meet any one-legged man at 10st 6lb.

LESSONS IN WRESTLING.

SECOND LESSON—

RUDIMENTS OF WRESTLING.

We will now begin our first real lesson. In this, position is important. The left foot should be about two feet in advance of the right, both knees bent, the body bent forward above the hips, the left foot well braced, yet not so firmly as to prevent its being quickly moved. Hold the hands in front of you and quite close together, so as



MANEUVRING FOR AN OPENING.

to prevent the other man from getting a good hold by getting between them. Keep the elbows as close to the sides as you can. Let the left shoulder be somewhat forward and the head turned slightly to the right.

Don't present a full front to your adversary.

Don't keep the muscles stiff and set, for this will make quick motion difficult. Keep them somewhat relaxed when on guard, yet keep them alert. After you have mastered a few points in wrestling do not stand stock still while on guard, but keep moving about on your feet (never losing balance or getting in an awkward or unguarded attitude) and feint with both hands and feet to confuse the other man, and always be on a sharp lookout for some opening.

We may here say that the first part of these lessons will be devoted to catch-as-catch-can wrestling.

The first thing we will teach you in this is the simple and formidable "underhold."

To accomplish this hold, try to throw both arms about the other man's waist, lift him, pressing his waist towards you, raising his legs from the floor and throwing him. Keep your own head down in doing this as much as possible. Keep it close against his



GRIP FOR THROW ACROSS HIP.

body. Unless he can break your hold he is almost certain to go down.

The best break for this underhold is as follows:—

When your opponent gets his hold under your arms and around your waist get your right arm around his body, as near the waist as you can, and get your left forearm beneath his chin.

Press his head backward with the left forearm and press backward you at the same time with your right arm, which is about his body.

This will render his underhold useless, and may even throw him if performed accurately and quickly.

If he keeps his head too low down and too close to your body in the underhold wait until he begins to lift you. Then he will probably be forced to raise his head, in which case slip your arm under his chin at once.

Keeping the elbows close to the side will



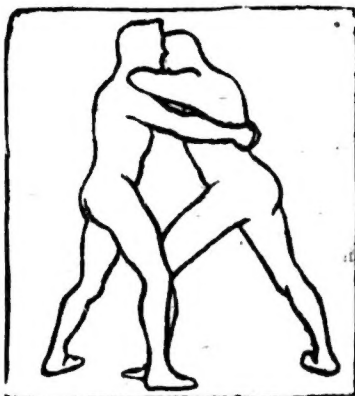
FALL FROM THROW ACROSS HIP.

prevent a man from securing an underhold.

An improvement on the underhold is as follows:—Get the hold as described above, and slip the right foot between your opponent's feet at the same time in such a way that your right heel is just behind his left heel.

Thus he cannot throw back the left foot to brace himself, and your pressure is all the more likely to throw him.

Often your opponent, either through ignorance or confusion, will stand with



UNDERHOLD AND BREAK.

his feet near together. When he does this you should feint, as if trying for some upper hold; then stoop quickly, left foot advanced about even with his, and right foot braced; clasp him about the knees (throwing your head to the left so that your ear is against the outside of his right leg), and rise quickly to a standing posture, throwing him backward over your right shoulder. As he falls turn and fall with him, forcing down his shoulders and one hip.

Unless, otherwise understood, when both shoulders and one hip are touching the ground the man shall be accounted thrown.

A good break for this is to bend suddenly forward, after your opponent has caught you thus by the knees and before he has begun to lift you. Catch him about the waist, bending your knees as you do so, and try to lift his legs from the floor. This



UNDERHOLD AND BACK-HEEL.

is largely a matter of leverage. If you work this break in time you will probably have no trouble in rendering his hold ineffective.

A well known and excellent trick is that which sends your adversary backward over your right hip. To accomplish it, proceed as follows:—

Close with the other man whenever he leaves an opening. Grab his right wrist with your left hand and his right biceps with your right hand. As you do this pull him toward you, slipping your body to the

left as you do so, and still holding his right arm imprisoned across the front part of the body. Get your right leg behind his left so that your hip and the back of your right leg will serve as a lever; swing him toward the left with a sudden motion, pressing back



KNEE HOLD AND BREAK.

with your right leg as you do so, and thus throw him over your hip to the ground.

Fall on him then, your back falling on his chest.

A break for this is to throw the right leg to the right as the aggressor starts to gain his hold. The right leg should be shifted far enough to the right to prevent him from getting his left leg past it. At the same time slip your left forearm under his chin, pressing it back, and bracing yourself by means of your left leg. If you are the aggressor, and the other man fails to use this break successfully, and you get him to the floor, the back of your shoulders on his chest or stomach, continue to use his upper right arm with your right hand, but release your left hand, grasp him with it by the back of the right leg, above the knee, and pull it upward so his foot is off the ground. At the same time force back his shoulders to the floor by pressing backward with your body.

These are enough holds and breaks for one day.

Next week we will teach you some more difficult throws.

(To be continued.)

OUR LETTER BOX.

LETTERS are lying at our office for:—

- J. Gans (of America) (two).
- Geo. Dixon (New York).
- J. Hare (Plaistow).
- Miss Vesta Victoria (music-hall artiste).
- Bobby Dobbs (of America) (two).
- P. I. Newell.
- T. Naish.
- Billy Ross (two).
- F. Leon (two).
- Mr. Alec Hurley.
- W. J. Abbott.
- Ted Thorne.
- H. Westbrook.
- Nat Smith.
- H. Mansfield (two).
- "Pop."
- "Kid" McCoy (of New York).
- Bert A. Dorman (of America).
- Charles Connolly.
- "Greek" George.
- P. Gorman.
- Driver Pincher.
- Ernie Greaves.
- Robert Fitzsimmons (three).
- Jem Hall (of Australia).
- George Stark.
- A. McDonald.
- Jem Corbett (of New York).
- H. Chance Newton.
- George Fox Giles.
- Jem Holloway (of South Africa).
- Claude Thompson.

A TERRIBLE RAILWAY DISASTER IN AMERICA.

200 Persons Have Perished in this Awful Disaster.

(Subject of Illustration.)

AN account reaches us from America which states that a terrible railway disaster has occurred in the south. A train with 200 passengers on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad was crossing a bridge over the Greenbrier River, when the structure collapsed, having been weakened by floods. All on board are said to have perished. No details are yet to hand, owing to the wires being down in the district.

THE JOLLY BOYS.

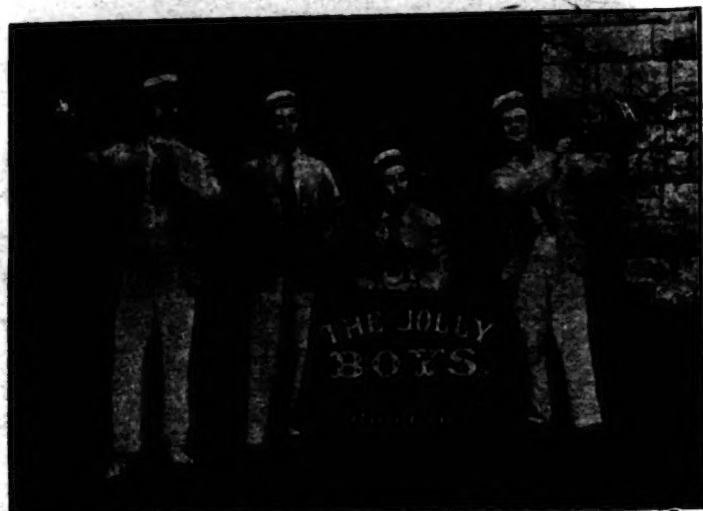
A Musical Quartette Who are Well-Known at Southend.

(Subject of Illustration.)

THE four musical artists, whose photos we insert, have just completed their sixth season at Southend. Separately they have compiled successes all over the country, and in the season they find that "union is strength," and act accordingly, and for six years they have been together at the above-named seaside rendezvous, licensed by the corporation.

LOST AND FOUND.

"I CALLED in answer to an advertisement for a boy," said a bright-faced little chap to Mr. Goldstein, the mill owner, who was a bulky, red-faced man. He was about to leave his private carriage to enter the office when thus accosted. With him was a golden-haired little girl, who listened to the boy with eager interest. "Well, how old are you and where have you been working?" said the mill owner, looking at the lad sharply. "I came from the country, sir, where my mother and I worked in a small mill since father died. Now she is gone and so I came here to the big city hoping to find a better job." "Well, you are too young, and a boy that don't know the city is of no use to me. My advice is to go back to your former home," said Goldstein in a tone of dismissal of the subject, then he turned to his driver and said: "Take Miss Alice where she wants to go." The boy—Philip Martin by name—felt a lump rise in his throat, and with a discouraged feeling walked listlessly down the thoroughfare. He had no home or friends and no shelter. Furthermore, he had spent nearly all his money in getting to the city. While meditating on what should be his next move, he felt a gentle touch upon his arm and heard a sweet, low, childish voice say: "Never mind, here's a card with the name of my uncle on it, and he will give you work." Turning he saw again the face of the mill owner's daughter, Alice Goldstein. "It is all right," said she, "and never mind thanking me. I'd like the same thing happen to Will—that's my brother—if he was alone in a big city." Philip opened the paper containing the card and inside was a bright new half-a-crown. So, unexpected was it all that as soon as the little Samaritan departed he burst into tears, whereupon some little fellows in passing called him "cry baby." Feeling very tired he sat down on one of the park seats intending to seek Alice's uncle when he had recovered his mental balance. He fell fast asleep and when he awoke the parcel which he brought from home containing a valuable recipe, a bible and his mother's photo had disappeared. Gradually, however, he thought of the little girl, of the card which bore the name of a possible employer and of his empty stomach. He thought of her and half-a-crown brought hope and comfort, so he proceeded to a restaurant and had his first square meal since arriving in the city. On leaving the place he again saw the Goldstein carriage and the fair Samaritan, who beckoned him to her side, and, much to his astonishment, held up the missing parcel, which had been stolen from him while asleep. Twenty years have passed since Philip Martin and Alice Goldstein met. During that time Philip secured a good position and took up a study of medicine. He was now a prosperous physician, and one night was called into consultation, the case being that of a young man dying in squalor. As he entered the room his eyes met those of a beautiful young woman, who rose and extended both hands appealingly to him. "Do you not remember me?" said she; "do you not recall your first attempt to secure work in London?" "Ah, indeed I do. Can this be the little Samaritan who saved me from despair? I tried in vain to keep track of you, but they told me you were travelling and I fancied you had settled down in married life. Maybe it is so!" "No," said she, "and I've done better by you, for I've followed your career these many years, and congratulate you on your great success with the Little Diamond Liver Pills." The doctor then listened to the painful story of the patient, who was the brother of Alice—the "black sheep" of the family, who from boyhood had been alienated from his father and sister, was reinstated for awhile in his father's good graces, but later, through speculation, brought financial ruin and a suicide's end for the father. Dainty Alice, who had been supporting herself by teaching music, discovered his whereabouts, but too late, for he was at death's door. Dr. Martin on taking his leave said: "By the way, tell me how you found the parcel that day." "Well, I kept you in sight and so witnessed the act of the thief, and Jim, the coachman, made him give it up." As they stood talking Alice's eye fell on an old coin and a ring worn on the doctor's chain. The doctor read her thoughts and said: "Yes, that's the same coin, and it has been indeed a charm! There is my mother's photo, and, as you know, the recipe for the Little Diamond Liver Pills have saved many lives and reaped a fortune." They parted, but not before Alice's consent was given to his future calls, which resulted six months later in Dr. Martin's marriage to fair Alice. Prepared by the Little Diamond Liver Pill Co., 68, Stanmore Road West Green, London, N. Price 1s. 1½ per box of forty.—[Adv.]



THE JOLLY BOYS.

A Musical Quartette who are Well-known at Southend.



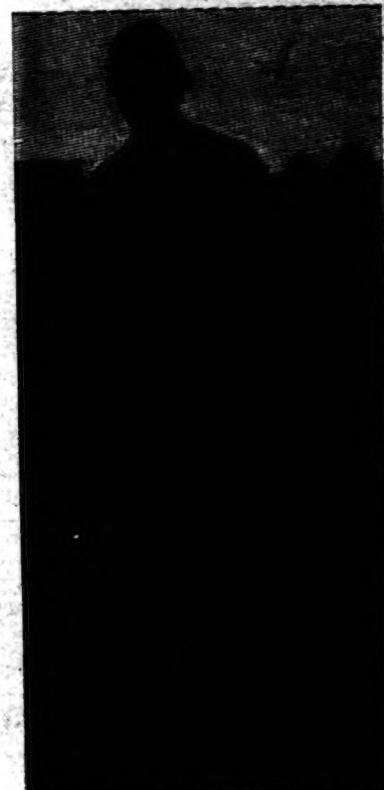
TERRY McGOVERN

("The Brooklyn Terror"), who will Visit England in April Next.



MURDERS HIS FATHER AND BROTHER.

Terrible Crime of a Half-Witted Son.



DAVE FENTON,

A Noted Pedestrian, who can be Backed to Walk Any Man in the World from One to Five Miles for £100 to £200 a-side.



ATTACKED BY SNAKES IN AUSTRALIA.

His Chum Returns in Time to Kill the Reptiles and Save his Friend.

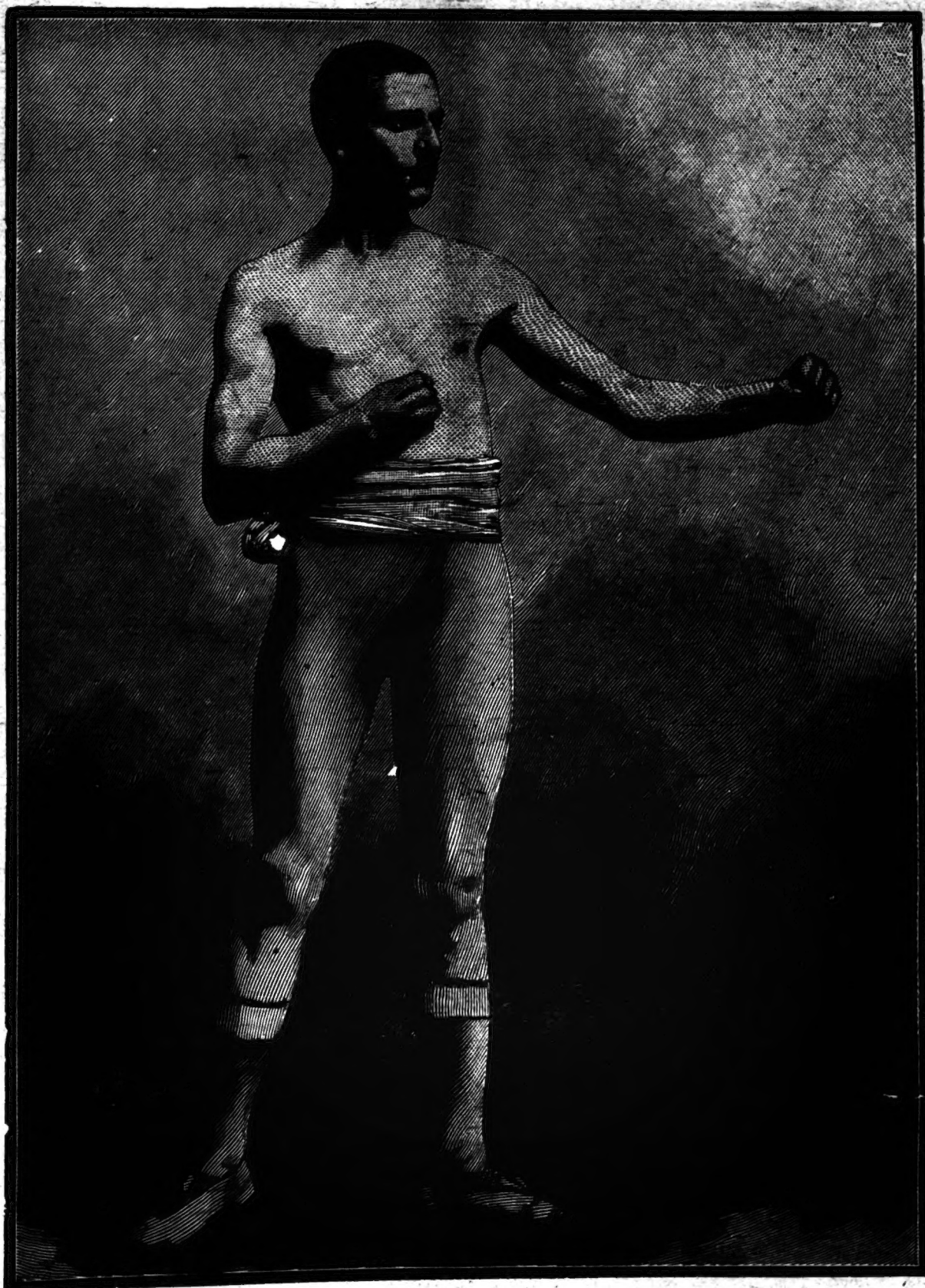


"GINGER" MALLET,

A Lad who has been Fairly Successful in the 7th Division.



THE NEW LAWS WHICH ARE BEING ENFORCED IN NEW YORK.
Latest Move by the Authorities to Improve the Citizens' Morale.



GEORGE CORFIELD,
Who Knocked Out Ike Waudby in Twelve Rounds at the Stalybridge Gymnastic Club.



WRESTLING IN LONDON.

(By our own Reporter.)

WE SHALL SOON WITNESS wrestling at almost every music-hall in London, and this branch of athletic exercise promises to become almost as popular as boxing. As stated in last week's edition Jack Carkeek, after successfully beating all-comers (bar Joe Carroll, champion of England) at the South London and Foresters, opened at the Bedford in Camden Town, giving any athlete that cared to try and last for 15min, and did so, a £10 note. Besides this, Tom Cannon, the famous Liverpool wrestler, and Tom Jenkins took on all-comers at the Paragon. We mentioned that little Joe Carroll (Hindley), champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler in Great Britain, after being matched at Manchester for £100 a-side, started training by contesting against the king of wrestlers for the £10 note. To state that the Yankee can beat champions in the time stated is foolish, but it (the £10 note) is an inducement to first and second-class men to come forward and delight the patrons of music-halls. Carkeek would rather absolute champions like Carroll did not appear, but when they did always acted to his deft, and tried his best to beat them. Last Tuesday Joe Carroll started from Manchester, as his wire stated, at five o'clock, and only arrived at the Bedford a short time before he went on. The house being half-price at 8.30 gave the boys of the gallery a chance of coming at any time, and full houses greeted the athletes all the week—so packed, indeed, that even standing room was at a premium every night. To hark back to details, as above, Joe Carroll and the king of wrestlers appeared at 10.50 p.m. every evening with our representative, Mr. R. Josephs, acting as referee, Mr. Rouch as timekeeper, and the manager, Mr. Noble, doing the talking. On Saturday Mr. Rouch was absent, and Mr. Whitticome, of the *St. Pancras Gazette*, officiated in an efficient manner. The greeting that the English champion received may be imagined but cannot be described, as the audience rose en masse, and for over eight minutes nothing but cheering and the clapping of hands were heard. After a brief speech from the M.C. and Carkeek they started the business, and to see the two champions (England and America) at work would have delighted anybody. Inspectors, sergeant, and privates got on the stage by special permission, and men who looked strong enough to pull down a house, showed signals of distress at the bare thought of meeting Carkeek. It was a trial that could not be beaten for science and strength, and men that understood the business shouted themselves hoarse. Both thoroughly understood the art of the game, and though weight always tells in feats of endurance, Carroll had only to get on the defensive, and this he did, and by not wasting his strength lasted out time and won. When he received the £10 the boys again went mad, and the hall rang again with their shouts. As Joe had won the £10 the catch-as-catch-can style was barred, but eventually he agreed to extend the time and make it 20min if he could have another trial for the same method on Friday evening. This was agreed to, and further on Friday's match will be discussed. The opponent on Wednesday was William Hodges, the celebrated Cornish wrestler, and this evening the style was Græco-Roman. The Englishman looked a little the heavier, but though standing over his opponent, lacked his splendid muscular development and strength. Science ruled supreme in this, and once they were told by the referee to take the same positions on

the mat. After going halfway through it seemed as if the Cornish lad was certain to cost his opponent another £10, but the American, when they had hardly a couple of minutes to go, succeeded in planting both shoulders on the carpet, and won. On Thursday the manager, besides the two £10 notes, put up a purse of £15 for Carkeek to beat Hodges and the Dutch champion (Spilman, who suffered defeat on Monday) in 25min. This proved a hard task, but the Yankee took on the heavier man, Spilman, who went between 19st and 20st, first, and when he lifted his opponent in the air the strong men at the side simply murmured marvellous. Carkeek had no time to waste, and after a hard battle for 9min 40sec succeeded in beating the foreigner. After a rest of 2min he took on Hodges, and the southerner thought science the better part of valour, and acting on the defensive seemed certain to win, till by a trick Carkeek got him in a helpless position with his shoulders on the mat and the legs and body in the air. He was utterly unable to move, and Carkeek could have kept him in that position till now, had it been necessary, but it was a fall, the full time for both falls being 19min 40sec, the last bout lasting just 10min. On Friday evening Carroll was to go 20min for another £10 note, and his greeting, if possible, exceeded that he previously received. He kept faith with the public, though he had his elbow bandaged, having injured it in his previous bout, and it twisting after making a bridge, caused the blood to flow from his head. This weakened him considerably, but he kept it, though it was evident it was very painful for him to bear Carkeek's weight for any length. Like a British lion he stuck it till Carkeek put the half Nelson on him, and then, placing one hand under his neck, put both shoulders on the carpet, and won in 18min 35sec. He was not satisfied, and wanted to meet his rival on Saturday, but though the king of wrestlers was agreeable to meet him in the Græco-Roman style, he barred the Midland lad catch-as-catch-can. Eager to have his revenge, Joe agreed to meet him on his own terms, and not even standing room was to be found when the lads appeared on the stage, Mr. Whitticome acting as M.C. in the absence of the timekeeper, Mr. Rouch. Both were on their mettle, and as the score was even the interest in the bout can be imagined. One gentleman in the stalls, an Englishman, bet £3 to £1 three times on Carroll lasting out time, and offered the odds again without finding a taker. It proved as hard a bout, but yet a pretty one, as ever was seen, and the Yankee kept his promise to the letter and did not hurt Carroll's injured arm. The American tried the trick that had been successful with other opponents, and two of the gallery boys, who had evidently been present all the week, shouted out "Be careful, Joe, don't let him catch you with that trick," and the lighter man obeyed the mandate and stood away. They were upon the mat, Carroll making a bridge, when the words rang out 15min, and the referee parted the combatants. They did not know it was all over, and rushed to hold again till informed that Carroll was victorious. Carroll's displays have caused him to be engaged, in company with Jack Wannop, at the Star Music Hall, Bermondsey, where they will contest against all comers. Carkeek accepted the offer to stay another week at the Bedford, and he is also taking on all-comers during the week at Hammersmith, and asked our representative to act as referee at both houses.

THE BEDFORD MUSIC HALL. WRESTLING AND OTHER STAR TURNS.

THE COMPANY THAT IS STAGED this week at the famous hall in High Street, Camden Town, is a very good one, and the result is that, though only a week before Christmas, full houses are seen. The principal artist, if he can be called such, is Jack Carkeek, the king of wrestlers, and during the week anybody can have a try for that £10 note. No better piece of wrestling can be seen when the champion of England, Joe Carroll, comes forward, and surely it is easier to get £10 notes in this manner than risk them as Carkeek does; but still, he must be paid, or he would not do it. We do not blame Carroll, as he gained success and £20, as well as a solid silver cup, at the South London Music Hall, while last week, being evidently in want of cash, he came up from Manchester and gained

two £10 notes at the Bedford out of three tries. This week, or he may have done it last, he is stated to be wrestling with old Jack Wannop at the Star Music Hall. The Bros. Lloyd (marvellous wire walkers) and the Cameos (eccentric variety artists) are still to be seen, while the vocal programme is headed by Miss Katie Lawrence, with Jessie Burnett, Master Norton, Harry Bedford, Rose Chandon, Fred Russell and his favourite companion Coster Joe, the Harrisons, Orpheus, as well as the comical absurdity that went well as an extra turn last week, Harry Lynn and daughters in "Dead to the World." Besides these extra turns are numerous, no less than three appearing on Monday before the wrestling. To have a party that thoroughly understands wrestling to act as referee we were asked to allow Mr. Josephs to act for another week, and in the interests of the sport consented. The German Herr Simpson did not turn up after his bold challenge, but the Swiss champion (who has been wrestling at the Crystal Palace) came up to challenge the champion to meet him on Tuesday and stepped into the breach. Though shorter than the American, he put up a stiff and scientific battle, but was ultimately defeated just under thirteen minutes. He asked for another trial (why are wrestlers, like boxers, not satisfied with one defeat?), and this took place too late for this edition, but will appear in the Christmas edition next Saturday. Antonio Pierri, "the Terrible Greek," also got upon the stage and wanted a bout, but Carkeek does not give money to absolute champions. After a brief delay, however, he manfully said he would meet the "Terrible Greek" on Wednesday (to-night) according to his contract. Full details will appear in our next edition. Mr. R. Josephs acted as referee, and the popular manager, Mr. Noble, as M.C. and timekeeper.

SPORT AT HAMMERSMITH.

CARKEEK GIVING £10 NOTES AWAY.

FRESH FROM FIELDS OF GLORY the American champion, Jack Carkeek, is this week giving £10 notes to any athlete that can stay 15min without having both shoulders put upon the mat. Surely there are some strong men in Hammersmith who can do with a £10 note and are willing to exert themselves to get it. The Yankee wrestler would rather meet local men than experienced ones, who follow him from hall to hall, and if successful once in a week state that £10 is a fair week's work. It is a good thing that this is done, as very often no one appears, and then it is simply an exhibition bout that is seen. A Mr. Francis was in the hall on Monday and asked for a trial, but was told he would be met on Tuesday. The challenger did not like his answer, and said Carkeek wanted to get out of his way, and if he wanted to meet him he would have to do it there and then. The American consented, and after a couple of minutes had been allowed for dressing Francis appeared clad in black, as if he were to go to a funeral. He looked over 19st, but was very fleshy, and before they had contested for four minutes was blowing freely. However a man may be winded, he is not beaten until both of his shoulders are on the mat, and by several nimble movements, not often seen done by a man of his weight, he continued to avoid the finale. He tried all he knew for that £10 note, but condition told its tale. He suffered defeat just under nine minutes. Besides the athletic business a grand company are billed here, and we will mention a few of the principal attractions of the week:—Winnie Scott, Harry Maynard, Sisters Lynn, Charles Norton, E.J. Sheldon, La Belle Lilino, the Harvey Boys in their celebrated pugilistic act, Kennedy and Foy, Tom Hall and his nippers, Marie Winsome (male impersonator), the Mezzettis (horizontal bar acrobats), Nelly Sheldon, and the only famous and original Griff. If anyone wants a £10 note they have only to send in to the manager and then win it. Our representative, Mr. R. Josephs, acted as referee, with Fred Reeves, "the best of them all," as timekeeper and M.C.

BEEF CARVING EXTRAORDINARY.

An interesting match for £50 a-side took place on the 13th inst. between Mr. Walter Medcalf, of Angel Lane, Stratford, E., and Mr. Fred Neathercote, of Mare Street, Hackney, E. The conditions were as follows:—Each man to cut up five fore-quarters of beef at his own shop, the one completing the same in the fastest time to be the winner. The last match, which took place a month ago, ended in favour of Mr. Neathercote by 1sec. Mr. Medcalf was the first to compete at his shop in Stratford. He cut up his five quarters in the fast time of 5min 50sec—average 1min 10sec a quarter. Mr. Neathercote was rather cramped for room in his shop, or the match might have ended even more exciting than it did, for when he had finished cutting up his five fore-quarters he was only 10sec behind Mr. Medcalf's time, completing them in exactly 6min, therefore only losing by a narrow margin. Timekeepers, Mr. George Warman, the Stag, Homerton, and Mr. James Sanders, Poplar.

ARTHUR LEWIS, OF 19, NORTH Steet, Dowling, is open to take on any man at dominoes for £5 a-side in South Wales.

FRANK HOOKADAY v. JACK DOUGLASS.—On Thursday evening last these well-known markers commenced their match of 1,600 points up at the Black Boy, West Green, Tottenham, for a valuable prize presented by Messrs. O. Shaw and Son (the proprietors of the Duke of Cambridge) and Mr. O. Towerer. Frank Hookaday had all the better of the affair, and to such an extent that when the first 800 had been reached he was leading by 513 points. The winner's chief efforts realised 169, 35, 38, 34, 30 (twice), and 25 (twice), whilst Douglass was responsible for 30, 34, 23 (twice), and 27, the final scores being: Hookaday, 800; Douglass, 287. The second portion of the match between these players was decided last Friday at the Duke of Cambridge. When play started Douglass had rather the better of the start, and was the first to make a move, compiling 46, to which his opponent replied with 36. The balls then ran awkwardly, and for some little time little was done. Hookaday broke the spell with 31 twice in quick succession. Douglass replied with breaks of 42 and 40. After this Douglass contributed 37 (twice) and 28, as against 28, 27, and 26; and had the advantage of 12 points on the evening's play, when the time limit expired. Hookaday reached 1,550, and ran out a winner by 401 points. Mr. E. V. Stone (Mitchell and Co.) was the referee.

WALKING MATCH ON THE ROAD.

A walking match took place early last week between Charles Johnson ("Chopsticks"), of Bow, and Fred Williams, of Greenwich, for £1 a-side and a prize. The course was from the Sir Robert Napier to the Prince and Princess of Wales, Kinglake Street, Old Kent Road, and back. A start was made at eight o'clock. "Chopsticks" at once took the lead, but was quickly overhauled by Williams, who kept in front to Great Dover Street. "Chopsticks" then put on a spurt and caught and passed Williams, but soon dropped back, and was content to follow behind Williams to protect himself from the rain, which was at this time falling heavily. Williams eventually reached the Prince and Princess of Wales first, closely followed by "Chopsticks." On the return journey Williams met with an accident and fell, but continued the struggle till Liverpool Street was reached. "Chopsticks" put his best leg forward and reached home first. Time, 1hr 5min.

A GABMAN'S FUNERAL.—ARTHUR

J. Bullet, of Flint Street, East Street, Walworth Road, and of Penrose Street, Walworth, after a short illness, died of pneumonia at the age of thirty-eight. The deceased was very much respected, and the funeral was most impressive. The cortege consisted of one four-horse open hearse, two pair-horse, and one pair-horse coaches, which started from Penrose Street at 1.30 p.m. Mr. Grimmer, of Taylor and Co., forage contractors, in a private equipage, and about sixteen cabs followed. About twenty-two employees of the deceased followed, including the widow and other relatives. The employees contributed some handsome wreaths—harp with a broken string, horseshoe and saddle. The splendid coffin and hearse were covered with wreaths, seventeen being sent altogether. Messrs. Burridge and Son, of Walworth Road, supervised the funeral arrangements.

A REMARKABLE ATHLETE.—MR.

A. E. Hind is the first Cambridge man to get his full Blue in three pastimes. Mr. Hind is now completing his career at Cambridge. He obtained his cricket Blue in his first year, and represented his University against Oxford in the Sprint in 1899, but owing to sprains, &c., he has never had a fair chance of repeating his wonderful 94-5sec performance. He is being played at Rugby football this year chiefly on account of his wonderful pace. He has brought off one or two splendid runs this term, and his sprinting is of a remarkable character.

CITY OF LONDON AND OLD

Horselydown eighteenth annual regatta took place on the River Thames on Friday, December 14, from Westminster Bridge to Blackfriars. Mr. G. C. Carter was starter and umpire, the whole under the management of Messrs. G. S. Chapman and D. Mahoney, of Bermondsey, when six competitors were engaged. From Westminster Bridge was crowded with spectators. An exciting race took place until opposite the Hotel Cecil, when T. White took the lead by a boat, which he maintained until the finish. The prizes were given at the Cross Keys, Blackfriars Road, after the race.

MILE WALKING MATCH.—ON

Thursday, at the White Hart Grounds, Tottenham Hale, Eddie Pearce (scratch), J. Hibberd (40 yards start), and W. Slater (55 yards start) decided their one mile walking match. Pearce overhauled Slater before half a mile had been covered, and passed Hibberd about 200 yards further on. Hibberd (who holds the world's professional record of 7hr 54min 16sec for walking 50 miles) stuck well to his work, and was only beaten by fifteen yards. Time, 7min 53sec.

THE BEDFORD MUSIC HALL.

High Street, Camden Town.
To-night and all the week at 9 o'clock.
To-night and all the week at 9 o'clock.
CARKEEK against all comers this week.
JACK CARKEEK (the King of Wrestlers) JACK CARKEEK.
Who wants a £10 note this week?
To-night (Wednesday), ANTONIO PIERRI, the Terrible Greek.
To-night (Wednesday), ANTONIO PIERRI, the Terrible Greek.
CARKEEK against PIERRI. PIERRI against CARKEEK.
For 15 minutes, spirited wrestling to-night.
Come ye strong men and try for that £10 note.
Referee, Mr. R. JOSEPHS (Representative of THE MIRROR OF LIFE).
Come and see the champions wrestle every Night.
(ADVT.)

HAMMERSMITH PALACE OF VARIETIES.

Who wants a £10 note?
Who can do with a £10 note?
JACK CARKEEK (the King of Wrestlers) gives them away.
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This week. This week. This week. This week.
At Hammersmith. At Hammersmith.
CARKEEK takes on anybody for fifteen minutes, and gives £10 to the one that lasts the time.
This week. This week. This week.
CARKEEK against all comers this week.
With 16 special Star Artists this week.
Who wants the £10 note? Who wants a £10 note?
Referee, Mr. R. JOSEPHS (representative of THE MIRROR OF LIFE).
This week wrestling by champions.
Every night this week for a £10 note.
(ADVT.)



EVENTS TO COME

The following contests will take place during December:—

DECEMBER 19.—Tom King v. Andrew Wood, New Goodwin Club.

DECEMBER 21.—Corlette's Gymnasium, 123, Princess Street, Manchester. Ten rounds contests for £15 and side bets between T. Loftus (Manchester) and J. Watson (Manchester), at 7st 5lb; also a ten rounds contest for £10 and side and a £10 purse, between J. Biggs (Newcastle) and T. Steele (Leeds), at 8st 5lb; and in addition a four rounds competition at 7st 5lb, for a purse of gold.

DECEMBER 22.—Harry Searle v. Geo. Housago, Drill Hall, Brighton.

DECEMBER 22.—At the Theatre Royal, West Ham, H. Bell v. J. Clark, fifteen rounds; also wrestling contest.

DECEMBER 24.—At the Standard Theatre, Gateshead, Andrew Tokal v. Geo. Clark, twenty-five rounds; Young Davis v. Young Gill, eight rounds.

DECEMBER 25.—The Lecture Hall, Deptford, Harry Westbrook's Assault-at-Arms.

DECEMBER 28.—At the Standard Theatre, Gateshead, H. McDermott v. J. Freeman, twenty rounds; G. Atkinson v. "Darkey" Carpenter, twelve rounds.

BOXING

AT THE

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.

THURSDAY'S MATINEE.

THE MIDDLE-WEIGHT (NOVICE) COMPETITION.

THE NEW BELCHER REDIVIVUS is not, in spite of the efforts of the N.S.C. to discover talent which they think may be vegetating, or, as the poet Gray has it, "mute inglorious." Instead of an undiluted novice pure and simple winning these competitions, those already memories of the past have been won by old stagers—lads whom we have seen sporting many a time and oft for prizes as pros. Nobody can deny that Jem Wheeler, the brothers Harper, Jem Gowlatt, Harry Barratt, of Islington, who fought Stoker Bentley at Plymouth, Jack Harris, George Eastwood, &c., have shown form which previously was not undiscovered. What the N.S.C. wish to find is talent in the embryo stage. Not talent which has been; as in the case of Joe Cleary ten years or so before the public. This talent is like the old maid's virginity. Recruits have not been slow to come in from the amateur division, notably Dave Burton, of Battersea, thought a champion in that district, who recently, at the N.S.C., won a competition from another novice, Willie Howard, of Kingland, a youth who went down to Sheffield to complete a fistic engagement, and who on this evening did discover form previous unsuspected. Lynch, of the Sydney B.C., the amateur who has entered for the middle-weight competition, obtained a big reputation by knocking out an amateur champion at the German Gym., Vincent Dowell. Lynch, who is something in the iron line, is a very strong and determined boxer. Out of forty entries twenty-four middle-weights were selected, and in these days of midget boxing this is a record. Details:—Ted Adams knocked out J. Brown in the second round; Bill Beeson gained an award over Charley Bramwell after the judges had disagreed and an appeal to the referee; J. Harrison beat Tom Howe entirely owing to a useful left hand; Sam Johnson beat H. Hill simply by staying power, Hill giving up just prior to the end of the last round; W. J. Lynch, of Finchley, easily defeated A. Jackson, of

Finchley; Joe Read and Tom Rochford made a good fight, and Joe had a bit in his favour at the finish; Stanton Abbott the second, not much over 10st, defeated a big fellow named Manning in the first round. George Rose had no chance with Richard Read (seeing the pair were very unequally matched the referee stopped the bout). Joe Dampling beat George Sohey.—The latter tired towards the finish, when Dampling came with a wet sail and won. Jem Sullivan met a persistent dropper in Bill Lane; Bill dropped so often that the referee dropped into Bill and stopped the match; Bill Theake beat Mike Shear in the second round, Shear retiring after a punch which sent him to the boards; Sanders beat Turner, but not until another round had been ordered by the referee. In beating Joe Read, of Acton, Lynch, the amateur, showed himself one of the best competitors in the middle-weight (novices) competition. Theake beat a strong, rushing fighter in H. Sanders, a pupil of Jem Barry, of St. James's, and when Lynch beat Theake in the third round, and in the semi-finals had a bye, it looked a good thing for Lynch, although opposed to another hot novice in the person of Jem Sullivan, of Fulham. Middle-weights (11st 4lb).—Second Round: Bill Beeson (Bethnal Green) beat Ted Adams (Stepney). J. Harrison (Stratford) beat Sam Johnson (Bloombury). W. J. Lynch (Tower Hill) beat Joe Read (Acton). Bill Theake (Bow) beat H. Sanders (King's Cross). Jem Sullivan (Fulham) beat J. Dampling (Stepney). Dick Reed (Bloombury) beat Stanton Abbott (Walworth). Third Round: Beeson beat Harrison. Lynch beat Theake. Sullivan beat Read. Semi-finals: Sullivan beat Beeson. Lynch a bye. Heavy-weights.—First Round: Joe Haysman (Nottingham) beat Mike Coleman (St. James's). Tom Bamfield (Battersea) beat Jack Garrett (Clerkenwell). J. Batty (Northwich) beat Ted Shepherd (Westbourne Park). Second Round: Bamfield beat Batty. Haysman a bye. The finals take place on Monday evening.

MR. A. F. BETTINSON'S COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT.

ALL THE BEST TALENT IN ENGLAND AT THE NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.

THE POPULAR MANAGER AT THE National Sporting Club, Mr. A. F. Bettinson, on Monday last took his complimentary benefit for his third year of office, and the array of fistic talent contained the names of the best amateur and professional talent in England: "Kid" McCoy, the champion middle-weight, was unfortunately called away at the last moment, and Mr. Joe Steers, who was to have been his opponent, found a worthy foe in Jack Scales. All through the boxing was of the highest order, and was keenly followed by the members and friends, who comprised the cream of the sporting world. Previous to introducing the Bros. Pickard Mr. Bettinson received a warm ovation, and for some minutes the hand-clapping caused that gentleman to stand quietly in the ring bowing his acknowledgments to their hearty greetings. The officials were: Mr. J. N. Douglas, referee; Mr. Tom Scott, timekeeper; and Mr. A. F. Bettinson, M.C. Details:—The Brothers Pickard was the first couple to exhibit their skill in a smart three rounds and a fall in wrestling, in which both conspicuously displayed their accustomed ability, then in successive pairs came Nat Smith v. Ted Marlow, Mr. F. Parkes (heavy-weight champion 1899) v. Dick Jordan, Dave Job v. Jack Guyon, Mr. W. Dees (heavy-weight champion 1900) v. Johnny Hughes, Harry Ware v. Jack Walker, Mr. G. W. Humphreys (light-weight amateur champion, 1900) v. Ben Jordan, Bill Chester v. Owen Sweeney, Mr. A. E. Bishop (Belsize B.C.) v. Pat Daley, Mr. Joe Steers (heavy-weight champion, 1890-23) v. Jack Scales, Mr. H. Brewer (light-weight amateur champion, 1899) v. George Cunningham, Mr. F. M. Dickson (Belsize B.C.) v. Jack Goldswain, Mr. R. C. Warner (Lynn B.C.) v. Jerry Driscoll, Mr. Horace King (heavy-weight amateur champion, 1894) v. Dave Barry, a good and interesting display all through.

HEAVY-WEIGHT NOVICES COMPETITION.

FINAL.

TOM BENFIELD beat JOE HAISMAN (Battersea) (Nottingham).

Haisman, who had all the best of it, in the third round held out his hand in token of defeat, and for apparently no earthly reason, as he had all along scored over Benfield.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT NOVICES COMPETITION.

FINAL.

W. J. LYNCH beat JEM SULLIVAN (Tower Hill) (Fulham).

The first round was very evenly contested, neither having the advantage. Lynch careful, but at their second meeting Lynch forced the pace, and rattled Sullivan round the ring, and brought his man down.

Sullivan rose, but Lynch, using both hands again, sent Sullivan down, to be counted out.

TEN ROUNDS CONTEST.

R. LEE beat "WAG" ASHLEY (Kentish Town) (Bermondsey).

Lee, active on his feet, made use of the ring, but was ever anxious and nervous, and Ashley tucked him up on the ribs several times. As the bout proceeded Lee went better and scored with the left, and travelled round his opponent quickly in the second round. In the third round Ashley tried for the ribs, but Lee, with a straight drive on the chin, felled the Bermondsey man. Ashley rose and they mixed it. Lee skipped about, showing plenty of foot work, while Ashley seemed equally determined to get to close quarters, but Lee avoided his rushes. The fifth and sixth rounds were in favour of Ashley, who had more steam in his punches; but Lee took them unconcerned, and popped in the left. The next two rounds were slightly in favour of Lee, but after a close finish he gained the award.

BILL WOOD beat CORPORAL SAUNDERS (Clapton) (Light-weight champion of the Army).

This was a gruelling bout all through until the fourth round, when Wood with the right crossed his man, and Saunders was counted out.

BOXING AT FULHAM.—LAST

Thursday the strong man, William Le Neve, organised a fistic tournament at the Crown Gym., Little Road. A large muster of Midland sportsmen was present, and at the last moment the old champion, Jem Mace, sent a wire regretting his inability to attend. William Hill (Birmingham) acted as referee. Judges: Cook and Bobbett, with Brummy Meadows clocking. The brothers Sykes had a four rounds spar and then the ring was cleared for an eight rounds contest. Jem Baines beat W. Baseman. A hard battle, these two middle-weights hitting as hard as possible, and Baseman gave in round four. Eight Rounds Contest: W. Lake beat "Kid" Furness (America). This proved a rattling good bout, both being scientific, and hard hitting was the principal point of vantage. From start to finish they fought, and it was anybody's verdict when the judges disagreed and Lake gained the award. Three Rounds Exhibitions: Tidley Hayes and "Bungy" Bickley; Pearson (the Scotch Laddie) and Mick O'Brien. Ten Rounds Contest: "Digger" Stanley beat Charley Ward. In the opening bout the latter injured his hand, but went on till the fifth when he retired.

A BOXER'S BENEFIT AT WALTHAMSTOW.—Whenever a man is in trouble the working class is always ready to assist him, and last Wednesday that amateur boxer (who turned professional about two years ago), Jack Dorman, was accorded a benefit at the Walthamstow Liberal and Radical Club. The boxer, who always behaves as a gentleman, had been out of work for a long time, and lost one of his children, when his friends organised a benefit for him to defray expenses. The vocalists included Alice Franks, Nellie Gough, Lillie Lawrence, Alice Lind, Tom Maslin, C. Morris, George Bowen, Arthur Lunnion, &c., while exhibition boxing was performed by the following: Moss Levy ("Outer"), acting as M.C., Ruffie's midglets, "Ginger" Tarling and W. Clark, Charley and G. Newman, while George Wood wound up with the benefactors.

SPECIAL DISPLAY AT THE STANHOPE B.C.—Last Thursday a semi-private display took place at the headquarters of the above institution, the Head of Hay, Haverstock Hill, and a good audience witnessed the show. Two competitions were to be decided, but owing to the want of entries these were abandoned, and exhibition bouts took their place. Mr. Harry Dettmar acted efficiently as M.C., and among the bouts worth mentioning were exhibitions between J. Churchill and W. Manderson, J. Vickers and T. Hopkins, J. Fern and G. Kemp, W. Penfold and Bill Penney, J. Holmes v. J. Busbey, while the instructor, Harry Webster, wound up with a friend.

BILL DEXTER, OF NOTTINGHAM, will box James Jarvis, of Sandiacre, best of ten 2min rounds for from £5 to £25 a-side and best purse offered, Dexter to scale 9st and Jarvis 10st on day of contest. THE MIRROR OF LIFE to be stakeholder and appoint referee. Any deposit at the office of this paper will at once be covered.

BOXING AT BIRMINGHAM.—LAST Wednesday the Birmingham B.C. staged an entertainment of exhibition bouts that for science and hard hitting would be bad to beat. The institution is gradually getting back to the top of the pedestal of fame, and if it keeps on as it is doing, will regain the proud position it held a score of years ago. Among those who showed to advantage were: Jabez White and Bill Peters, W. Tipper and F. Warner, A. Hodder and Alf White, H. Crisp and T. Gargan, W. Barrett and A. Heathfield, A. Collett and Charley Cutler, &c.

JACK CLARK, OF MARYLEBONE, will box Johnny Hughes, of Bloomsbury, eight or ten rounds if Ted Hull or the Goodwin Club will give a purse.

BOXING AT HEXHAM HOUSE, NEWCASTLE.

THE PREVIOUS COUPLE OF COMPETITIONS which have been held under the supervision of Mr. James Lowes at the Hexham House Hotel, North Place, Newcastle, proved unqualified successes, therefore there was no surprise when we found that there was an untold number of applicants for permission to take part in the 7st 8lb competition which commenced on Saturday evening, and there was no astonishment expressed when the spacious hall was found to be crowded by spectators, who were kept most orderly by Mr. Lowes, but, in fact, when "Jemmy" is in charge of any function one can guarantee that order of the best description is kept. But to the show of Saturday evening. It was inaugurated with a splendid three rounds show between "Butcher" Elliott and F. Stevenson, and they rattled away in the most energetic of styles for the three rounds, and that they pleased was evidenced by the spontaneous and generous "nob" which they received at the conclusion of their display. "Darkey" Carpenter and S. Johnson, of Gateshead, boxed three hard-hitting rounds, and it was a magnificent display, that given by Tom O'Neill and R. Wilkinson, of Jarrow. The lads for the 7st 8lb competition were well chosen from the crowd of entrants by Mr. Lowes, and being well drawn, the various bouts were productive of the best of sport. In the first heat J. Wandle, of Newcastle, beat P. Connolly, of Gateshead. This was an excellent contest, and it was only after three hard bouts that he was contested that Wandle received the verdict. In the second heat, between N. Kelly, of Newcastle, and J. Bell, of Gateshead, a finer struggle has seldom been seen, for in the three rounds they contested they tried all they knew, but at the finish Kelly proved himself the cleverer, and received the verdict. In the third heat some very warm work was witnessed between C. Short, of the Spem, and A. Thompson, of Newcastle, the last named winning in most clever style, as did W. Hall over Young Jackson, of Newcastle. The competition will be concluded a week come Saturday.

ENTERTAINMENT AT NEWINGTON GREEN.—The difference between the old Midway Club and the new has to be seen to be believed, as in point of contrast, it seems changed by a wave of a magician's wand to a palace. The billiard-room is the largest in club life, and it seems that cleanliness is put before "godliness" and everything is spick and neat. The athletic club now embraces the following sports: rowing, boxing, swimming, football, cricket, cycling, and is affiliated to the A.B.A. At one time it ran a close race (when in the old premises) with the Netherlands, North London, Ray Street, South Bermondsey, Bryanston, Carlysle, &c., but now has only a rival for supremacy in the North London. Exhibition boxing and singing, together with some gymnastic displays, delighted the large company present, and every part of the hall was packed. Among the artistes were Nol Gwynne, Minnie Fortescue, Geo. Foyle &c., while the following performed well in exhibition bouts, Mr. Mankin ("Fairy") acting as M.C.; "Dido" Plumb and "Tom" Wall, Willie Howard and "Nicey" Moore, Mr. R. Moussé and Mr. L. Leghorn, Mr. W. H. Walpole and Mr. W. Walpole, while the parallel bar display and the vaulting horse exercise also delighted the assembly.

BOXING IN SCOTLAND.—LAST Wednesday evening the match for £50 a-side between Bill Wallace (Glasgow) and W. Brown (Airdrie) was decided at Hamilton near the celebrated racing track of that name. The articles stated they were to fight to a finish with 4oz gloves for £50 a-side and a purse, and they were to scale at the ringside 7st 6lb, give or take 2lb. Wallace had the best record, and before a start was made odds of 5 and 6 to 4 were bet on him, and when they started business 2 to 1 was in favour on Wallace, there being no takers. Brown looked fine drawn, and proved no match for his opponent, who made a fight of it, and ended matters before the audience had seen the battle.

BILL HILL (BIRMINGHAM) WILL match "Digger" Stanley (Fulham) against any lad in England at 7st 2lb, bar Joe Williams, for a good side stake. This should be a good chance for the ex-bantam-weight champion Freeman, who is matched with Harry MacDermott, of South Shields.

JEM BARRY, OF ST. JAMES'S, will be pleased to meet Joe Clay, of Birmingham, at catch-weight for £25 open to £50. As Clay has done all the challenging Barry hopes he will back up this challenging with a little money. To contest for the best purse at the N.S.C. or any other club.

BILLY BRIERLEY, OF LIVERPOOL, and Billy Gordon, the black of America, are matched for fifteen rounds, at 9st 8lb, for £25 a-side and a purse of £35, at the Liverpool Gymnasium Club, 140, Dale Street, Liverpool. There will also be a twelve rounds contest.

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WESTERN AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB.
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A Youth who Hal's from Hull, and his Trainer, Tom Pashley.



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THE LOVE LETTER WAS NEVER DELIVERED.

The Wrong Lady Became the Possessor of its Contents.

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BOXING AT CHATHAM.

CHARLEY MANNERING'S SHOW AT the Public Hall, New Brompton, near Chatham, on Monday evening was most successful, the house being crowded. The soldier and sailor element were much in evidence, and the contests, which were short and sweet, would have been an eye-opener to the tap-tap boxer. In their eagerness for the fray they went at each other like fighting dogs, one boxer being sent from the stage on to the floor, some distance, fortunately not on his head, or his neck would have been broken. There was an amount of energy which was often wasted, but each combatant did his best. The principal item was a contest between Alf Barnard (Spitalfields) and Bill Sprigg (Chatham). Boxing enthusiasm ran high over this event, two local tradesmen having a tanner each on their respective choice. Alf Barnard never will be a boxer, he leaves himself too much open and relies almost entirely on his strength. Barnard certainly did all the work, as it is called, but Sprigg did all the stopping, and as a blow well stopped is equal to one given, Sprigg was the best boxer. In addition to this, Sprigg was entirely scatheless. Barnard bore upon his dial evidence of Sprigg's handiwork. The first pair to act as curtain raisers were Corporal Phillips and Knowles (New Brompton). This bout only lasted two rounds, Knowles being knocked out. E. Gower and Sam McLachlin, both of New Brompton, then set about each other, but in the second round Gower succumbed from a hit over the heart. Sam Peckham, of Chatham, then met T. Southey, of Chatham. Southey went for his man at once, and was so realistic in his fighting that he sent his man over the ropes on to the spectators below. Peckham was unable to continue the contest and Southey was declared the winner. This should have been a six rounds contest. Two midget sons of pugilists, "Darkey" Francis, of Stroud, and G. Lea, of Stroud, then took the ring for a purse. "Darkey" Francis, a nimble little nigger, was too much for his opponent Lea, who, although heavier, was handicapped by being a cripple. "Darkey" would make a good set-to with some of the 6st 10lb lads who aspire to championships. Six Rounds Contest: Bob Barnes and Bill Smith.—Barnes won easily. Bartleyway, of Rochester, met a Big 'Un, in the Royal Navy. The Big 'Un was nearer 12st than 11st, while Bartleyway does not weigh much over 9st. Bartleyway eventually won a game fight. Williams and Corporal Phillips gave an exhibition, and then came the bout of the evening, between Bill Sprigg and Alf Barnard. This bout may be summed up in this: For ten rounds that was the duration of the contest Barnard tried all he knew to get home on Sprigg, who acted on the defensive. In the ninth and tenth round Sprigg became the aggressor, and eventually secured the verdict. **MIRROR OF LIFE**, referee; timekeeper, Matt Hall; M.C., Mr. J. McQuillan.

HARRY WRIGHT'S

£50 8st 6lb CHAMPIONSHIP OF England.—Winner, handsome, largest, hall-marked gold and silver belt in England, valued £40, and the sum of £10 to be divided between losers and reserve men.

The following are accepted:—Johnny Thomas, "Sailor" Richardson, Dick Parkes, Alf Greer, Bill Stonelake, George Stark, Albert Hollings, Joe Barrett.

Reserve men:—Arthur Lamb, Fred Delaney, Sid Scales, Harry Churchill, and Walter Sarguy.

NEW YEAR'S NIGHT, WONDERLAND. BILL CHESTER V. BILL NOLAN MATCHED FOR £50.

These champions have accepted the purse offered by Harry Wright to box the best of ten rounds on the championship belt night, New Year's night, Tuesday, January 1, 1901, at Wonderland, Whitechapel.

Belt is on view at **THE MIRROR OF LIFE** office.

CONTESTS AT NEWCASTLE.

George Crisp beats Harry Smith.—At Ginnett's Circus, Northumberland Road, last Monday, George Crisp, of Newcastle, and Harry Smith, of Birmingham, met to box twenty rounds for the middle-weight championship and £160. There was a large house, and as a preliminary Bas Mole and Sam Fairbairn, two locals, opposed each other in what should have been a ten-rounds contest. In the fifth round, however, Mole objected to being the target for Fairbairn's blows, and announced his retirement by walking to his corner. For the big event Mr. Thos. Gale was the referee, and Mr. Harry Smith held the watch. Betting at the start ruled at 6 to 5 on Smith. The contest lasted fourteen rounds, during which time Smith did most of the leading. Crisp kept putting in heavy body blows, but was not aggressive. Both men went weak at times, but in the fourteenth round Crisp got in a left hook on the jaw, which sent his man to the boards, where he lay until counted out.

BOXING AT THE NEW GOODWIN CLUB. FIELDER BEAT SLARK ON POINTS.

LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING THE weekly re-union of boxing patrons took place at the New Goodwin Club in Kingsland Road. A good house was seen, and by the time the principal bout was staged the majority of old faces and a number of new ones were all around the ring. This is situated in the very centre of the hall, and the place is well lighted, the latest and best improvements in electric lighting being used. Fielder has met several first-class boxers, and borders on championship form, among those he has defeated being Joe Barrett, Johnny Thomas, while on the opening night last year he defeated the black Pluto, of Australia, in twenty rounds. He has also fought a draw with Harry Mansfield, of Bristol, but was defeated by Billy Smith, of America, a few weeks ago at the N.S.C. That was no criterion of his abilities, as the match was made at 8st 8lb (we believe), and on the day Fielder was very fine drawn, but did the weight. His rival, however, went 8st 13lb, and forfeited the stake-money. Fielder, however, to satisfy the club and himself, went on for the purse only, but had no earthly chance with his stronger and heavier opponent. Slark has met such tough customers as Barrett, Thomas, and Parkes, and has three times met George Corfield, of Sheffield, the result being a win for each as well as a draw. With one ten, one eight, and two six rounds bouts for the preliminary, there was plenty of sport for the members and friends provided by "Brummy" and the popular manager, George Archer. The officials were: Referee, Mr. E. Humphries; timekeeper, Mr. Tom Goodwin and Charley McLaughlin was all there as M.C., the general arrangements being under the control of Mr. J. Wilkins and J. Johnson. Details: Six Rounds Contest: J. Warner (Bethnal Green) beat "Ginger" Owen (Bermondsey).—Possibly the first named youth will, in the course of time, attain the summit of a boxer's ambition, as, with two good hands that he knows how to use, he is clever enough to become a prominent member of his profession. Owen forced the attack, but lost ground during the opening round, but went the full distance, and at the close Warner won easily. Six Rounds Contest: Bill Corbett (Lambeth) beat Dick Dean (Notting Hill).—These lads have met more than once, and, as usual, a good fight resulted from the start to the finish. The old warhorse (Corbett) has been fighting for a number of years and has passed the prime of a boxer's life, but still continues to hold his own with the younger generation. How long ago is it since he fought Arthur Valentine for the championship, in the days that had carried everything before him? As usual, they put up a splendid battle, and finally the award went to Corbett. Eight Rounds Contest: Jem Sweeney (Stratford) beat Alf Leeper (Canning Town).—How many times have these lads contested we do not know, but each in turn has won, and surely they know every move the other makes. Sweeney has improved most, and after as grand a fight as ever was seen the decision was Sweeney. Ten Rounds Contest: Jem Kenrick (Hackney) beat Charlie Exall (Bermondsey).—The Hackney youth had a slight advantage in weight, and tried all he knew to make it tell. The opening rounds were evenly contested, and it was not till the fourth bout that Kenrick began to draw away from his opponent. Exall was not in the best of condition, but managed to almost hold his own, and at the end of the journey only lost the verdict by a narrow margin of points. Fifteen Rounds Contest: Bill Fielder (Walworth) beat George Stark (Holloway).—Fielder looked close on half a stone heavier than his rival, and at once made play for the dial, and found his rival ready for a fight. Both had trained for the event, Stark at the Three Crowns, Gravesend, and the Walworth lad did his muscular exercise at Cambridge. Plenty of clinching took place, and in every round they held, but by the sixth meeting Fielder held a commanding lead. In the seventh bout a hard rally took place, and Fielder slipped down, only to arise and have none the worst of the round when time was called. To the full extent they went, and Fielder was returned the victor. Stark wanted to make another match at 8st 4lb, but his opponent was willing at 8st 8lb, and declined to fight under that weight.

JAMES ARNOLD, OF BRYNMAWR, would like to box Wm. Griffiths, of New Tredegar, the best of twenty rounds, Queensberry rules to govern, for £50 a-side, within five weeks of signing articles. An answer to this will lead to business at once. Hoping that Griffiths's backers will come forward, as business is only meant.

HARRY SMITH, OF LONDON, who is travelling with Frank Gess's boxing booth through Lancashire, will only be too pleased to box C. Fowler if any gentleman or club will give a purse in the North, and will have a side bet on the result. This is also open to Jack Jones, of Newcastle. Failing a match with them will box anyone in the North at 8st 4lb.

"KID" MCCOY SAILS FOR AMERICA.

LAST SATURDAY MORNING Chas. ("Kid") McCoy sailed for New York on the Cunard Liner Campania, accompanied by Eugene Stratton, the well-known negro melodist. McCoy expressed his regret at not being able to keep his appointment to box Mr. Joe Steers at Mr. Bettinson's benefit, but he had received a cablegram from New York to sail on the first steamer, consequently he was obliged to go. McCoy wishes to thank his friends for their many kindnesses received during his visit in England.

BOXING AT WOOLWICH.

THE LAST ENTERTAINMENT OF the century took place on Saturday at the Drill Hall, Beresford Street, and was witnessed by an enthusiastic audience. The tit-bit of the evening was the contest between Ben Taylor ("Bosun," of North Woolwich) and "Cloggy" Saunders (Hammersmith). Taylor is recognised as the coming champion of England, and what use is it to pit him against lads who cannot extend him? After a couple of trials the young giant was put against old Bondoff, a man who twenty-five years ago could have beaten him, but now had no chance with a youth of twenty, strong as a young oak, and over 13st in weight. Last Saturday his career as a boxer was put to the test by a meeting with "Cloggy" Saunders, a lad we had never heard of. Ike Lee put him up against Jack Scales. What championship form does "Cloggy" possess to run against an experienced performer like Bosun? Westate experienced, for though he has not taken part in many contests he took on all comers while he travelled with the booth. Why not arrange a contest with Frank Craig (the "Coffee Cooles"), George Crisp, Harry Smith, or an experienced heavyweight in the north of England, instead of lads who have no possible chance? Brief details:—Officials: referee, Mr. Eugene Corri; timekeeper, Dave Isaacs, with Jack Richards in the elocutic nistic position. In eight and six rounds contests Harry Montague beat Arthur Goldfinch, Bill Johnson beat Charlie Barclay, Harry Churchill and Charley Ives, Albert Mortimer beat Bill Pincombe, Corporal Fairclough beat Patsey Haley, Jem Denhardt beat J. Fitzpatrick, Peter Brown beat George Wood. Special Six Rounds Contest: Ben Taylor beat "Cloggy" Saunders.—This proved very short, and in forty-five seconds Taylor sent his opponent to sleep.

THE "COOLER'S" CONQUEROR.

IN A LETTER JUST RECEIVED from George P. Gardiner, who recently went to South Africa with Jack Everhardt, he says: "We are showing here for three weeks in a play called 'The Face That Kills.' Everhardt is going to fight a fellow here by the name of Lalor. In a day or two I expect to be matched with Tom Puggan, of Australia. I expect to win easy. Think boxing will be good out here after the Boers are killed. Regards to you and all at the office, not forgetting Little Teddy across the street."

BOXING AT MANCHESTER.

HAZELGROVE BEATS BRADY IN Six Rounds.—Despite the inclement weather a good attendance was seen last Tuesday at the Stalybridge Gymnastic Club, when the above-named lads met to contest twenty rounds for £75 at catch-weight. Brady looked the heavier, and seemed to be taller than his rival, who forced the exchanges from start to finish. A four rounds contest preceded the big fight, but this only lasted two minutes, when Garrett (Manchester) held out his hand and left his opponent Schofield (Ashton) an easy winner. Twenty Rounds Contest for £25 a-side and a £25 purse: Alf Hazelgrove (Manchester) beat Ernest Brady (Newcastle).—The weights were (we were told) respectively 8st 3lb and 8st 2lb, and at the start the betting was 6 to 4 on Hazelgrove offered. It proved a very stubborn battle, each in turn showing to advantage, and hard blows were exchanged without flinching. They were cautioned for holding, but clinched repeatedly, and the referee's office was anything but a sinecure. On coming up for the sixth round the Newcastle lad showed signals of distress, and went down from a right hand half-jab, and failing to rise in the stipulated time, the local lad won.

IN ANSWER TO G. HARRISON, OF London, I, Joe ("Dodger") Law, of Birmingham (late Wolverhampton), will box him six or eight rounds for a side bet and purse. I will meet him at Mr. Harry Westbrook's, Lecture Hall, Boxing Day, or at your office (if open). I should like to box Joe McHugh or Jack Lyon, both of Wolverhampton.

DAVE PETERS, OF WALES, will box any man in South Wales at catch-weight for £50 up to £100 a-side, or anyone in Wales can be accommodated at 11st for £100 a-side. Billy Morgan, of Swansea, is prepared to meet anyone at Cardiff for the purpose of signing articles. First come, first served. An early answer through **THE MIRROR OF LIFE** will lead to business.

MANCHESTER GYMNASTIC CLUB.**THERE WAS A GOOD ATTENDANCE**

at the Manchester Gymnastic Club on Monday, when a couple of competitors were confined to 8st and 10st lads were decided. Considering that the competitors were amateurs, the sport was exceedingly interesting, and was thoroughly enjoyed. In the first series of the 10st competition Wm. Lofthouse (Hulme) disposed of C. Sharples (Manchester), but the meeting of J. Byrnes (Bolton) and P. McNally (Salford) was more satisfactory. The Irishman was much the stronger, but in the last round Byrnes won on points. McNally's chief propensity was slogging. A. J. Williamson (Marple) boxed a bye. The semi-finals saw Lofthouse beat Williams, who was counted out in the second round. Byrnes, who contested a bye, met Lofthouse in the final. The latter, whose blows were hard and straight, knocked out Byrnes in the first round. With reference to the 8st competition, the initial series of meetings were vastly amusing. J. Connor (Bolton) easily disposed of J. Bottomley (Oldham), the former having advantage of height and reach. The victory of F. Burgess (Salford) over J. Flanagan (Manchester) was a bustling affair. Flanagan, who was dwarfish in appearance, suffered severe punishment in the second round, but held up to the end, and, although losing, was loudly applauded for his creditable display. W. Bartley (Salford), who had the bye, was defeated by Connor in the semi-final. The final, between Burgess and Connor, was keenly fought out. Even work characterised the first round, but the second meeting was greatly in favour of Burgess, who used his left with telling effect. After a most spirited bout, Burgess was rightly adjudged the winner. A match for a prize between Tom James (Patricroft) and J. Binns (Openshaw) resulted in a victory for James. It is the intention of the club to hold these competitions monthly, and, taking a line through Monday night's programme, they will assuredly prove a great success.

THE WELL-KNOWN FULHAM

boxer, Arthur Bobbett, was accorded a complimentary night on Monday last at the Pavilion of Varieties, Lillie Road, West Brompton. There is plenty of ground attached to the hall to make it the largest boxing resort in London, and if this was done it would be as packed as the Pavilion was, if only good boxing was advertised. 8st 6lb Contest: Tom Newlands (Bermondsey) beat Tom Bigley (Fulham).—The Bermondsey boy was a bit smarter all round. The work was of the lightest throughout. Newlands won. Patsy Ryan (Mortlake) beat Ted Furniss (Fulham).—Two fairly useful youths, who boxed in good style throughout. Ryan, doing most of the leading, won. Final bout: Ryan beat Newlands.—Four two-minute rounds were contested. In the first Ryan, the better boxer, prevailed, but in the second Newlands thumped so hard that Ryan wished to give in. The seconds prevailed on him to continue, and in the result he got the decision on points, after the judges had disagreed. The winner received a clock, and the loser, much dissatisfied, a cup. Newlands practically won in the second round. Six Rounds Contest: Jem Bane (Notting Hill) v. Mick O'Brien (Fulham).—Bane much the heavier. They went the full distance, and as the exchanges were very level the referee gave a draw. Jack O'Brien (Chelsea) beat Tom Eyles (Fulham).—Two well-matched youths, who went for all they were worth for six rounds. O'Brien, rather the better tradesman, secured the verdict. The brothers Alf and Fred Smith, of Hammersmith, provided a rattling exhibition bout.

BOXING AT ATTERLIDGE.—A CON- test took place at Attercliffe, near Sheffield, on Saturday, between G. Harper, of Birmingham, and H. Turnbull, of Leeds. Details: Harper, who put up a slashing fight, was winning up till the fifth round when his arm broke, but continued till the twelfth round, when he gave up, and Turnbull declared the winner, Harper being badly punished.

J. HASLAM, SEEING THAT YOUNG Tidler has come to his terms, will box him eight rounds of 3min duration and 1min rest any time during the first week in January, weight 5st 6lb, give or take 1lb, if Prof. Moore or Mr. James Lowes will give a purse. Norfield, of Brixton, can have a match a fortnight afterwards on the same terms. An early answer through **THE MIRROR OF LIFE** will oblige.

BILLY LINDSAY, OF BELFAST, is open to box any lad in Ireland at 7st 4lb, give or take 2lb, for a small side bet and the best purse offered, first come first served. A reply through this paper will be attended to.

ALF MALLETT, OF ISLINGTON, would like to box Bill Stebbings ten or fifteen rounds if the New Goodwin Club will give a purse. This is open to George Dumbley. An answer to this paper will oblige.

BOXING AT THE GERMAN GYM.

A STRIKE OF BOXERS.

IT IS ALWAYS SAID THAT THE next best show to the annual one at St. James's Hall is the one that can be witnessed in King's Cross, the German Gym. As usual a good attendance was present, but owing to the value of the prizes a number of the boxers refused to take their coats off. Cannot the German afford better prizes is the question asked year after year, but in spite of the fact that there is always a full house the old trophies of a medal and certificate are all the winner gets for his trouble of boxing and training (we put the training last as it is the hardest). It is not the first time amateurs have objected to the prizes here, and very properly; matters reached a crisis last Saturday when a goodly number of first-class boxers went on strike. Even small (compared with the German) clubs offer better prizes than those offered here, while the trophies of the same value were given at the Columbia, Kensington, Anchor, Lynn, Polytechnic, &c., there would most likely be a riot as not only would the amateurs refuse to box, but at these resorts (not being championship meetings) the boys would stick together, and if they were not the advertised articles and of the stated value the audience would also assist. What becomes of the money taken is the question we always ask. As 12 10s cups had been given there must have been a good bit over to pay other expenses with. Again we ask what becomes of the cash, and what help are these entertainments to amateurs, who have to train a long time, do a hard night's boxing, and very often lose a couple of days work, and all for a medal and certificate. The gallery boys certainly lost their heads, but they should remember that it is not the servants' fault, but the officials of the club that caused the disappointment, and the remarks that were heard were the reverse of choice. The Lynn B.C. again took three competitions, though one (Mann) had recourse to the referee before he gained his prizes. Owing to the best of the boxers striking we shall only give brief details, the boxers coming in anything but rotation; first a bout of this and then of that, till it began to get miserable. Bantam-weights: J. White (Battersea F.C.) beat J. W. Allmann (University B.C.); G. L. Berwick (Columbia B.C.) beat E. Moody (Gothic B.C.). Final: Berwick beat White. Feather-weights: C. G. Clarke (Lynn B.C.) beat W. J. Allerton (G.G.S.); E. T. Daughters (Columbia B.C.) a bye. Final: Clarke beat Daughters. Light-weights: A. Warner (Highgate H.) beat A. Young (unattached); G. Valentine (Belzale B.C.) a bye. Final: Warner beat Valentine. Middle-weights: A. Barnes (Bayswater Academy) beat F. Buridge (unattached); C. R. Barnes (Lynn B.C.) beat T. W. Smith (unattached). We think Smith is a member of the Barnsbury B.C., but as he is a gentleman amateur with the courage of his opinion, why not state the club? Final: Barnes, walk over; Barnes retiring. Heavy-weights: E. Mann (Lynn B.C.) beat G. Lardner (unattached); R. A. Batchelor (Anchor B.C.) beat W. J. Knight (Belzale B.C.); D. Phillips (Battersea F.C.) a bye. Semi-finals: Mann beat Phillips, Batchelor a bye. Final: Mann beat Batchelor.

GRIFFITHS v. REES OWEN.—Appropos of the above contest Dan Thomas, of America, the trainer of the latter, says he did not train Owen on slops. That if his condition was not as it should be it was entirely owing to himself. He could have done nicely with another three weeks hard training. Dan, who is from Arkansas City, sends us a long record of engagements, which space will not allow us to publish.

FISTIO ENTERTAINMENT AT THE Lecture Hall, Deptford.—The large hall at Deptford was packed on Saturday when the weekly assault-at-arms was staged by Harry Westbrook. Ted Ware and Walter Waller acted as judges, Jack Farley as referee, and Wilson Brown as timekeeper, with George Johnson whip and general factotum general. Owing to pressure on our space only brief details can be given. In six rounds contests Bill Lewis beat Mark Verrall, "Smookey" Bishop, "jun." beat Jem Gossin, Lew Rossi beat "Ginger" Simpson, Harry Evans beat Charley Mills, Harry Cox beat Ted Grace. Four Rounds Trial: Charlie Oulds and "Ginger" Owen. Ten Rounds Contest: Jack Dibley beat H. Haverstock.

BOXING AND WRESTLING AT West Hartlepool.—Next Saturday a special entertainment takes place at the Theatre Royal, Whitty Street, West Hartlepool, when the West Hartlepool Gymnaestic Society will stage not only boxing contests, but a wrestling match under catch-as-catch-can rules. The programme consists of a fifteen rounds contest for £35 between R. Bell (Newcastle) and T. Clark (West Hartlepool), an 8st 2lb competition for amateurs, and the match catch-as-catch-can for £10 a-side and a purse, to wrestle the best of three falls. The lads are Jem Wood (West Hartlepool) and Pat Arthur (Haslingden).

ALF MALLETT, OF ISLINGTON, would like to box Dave Burton, of Battersea, ten or fifteen rounds at the Adelphi Club will give a purse.

AMERICAN CABLEGRAM.

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING cablegram from our representative in America:—

NEW YORK, December 18.
THE MIRROR OF LIFE, London.

Terry McGovern knocked out Joe Gans in the second round, Thursday last, at Tattersall's, Chicago. Gans was overweight, but McGovern refused to claim forfeit. The six days' bicycle race at Madison Square Garden won by American team, Elkes and McFarland, 2,528 miles, 7 laps, the Canadians, Pierce and McEachern, being second, Simar and Gogolts (French) were third.

MARTIN.

SPORT IN THE W.C. DISTRICT.

Lexington Hall, Golden Square, W.C.—This resort has evidently been appreciated by the sporting patrons of the West-end, and on Saturday last the words "house full" denotes how packed was the building. The only exhibitionists of the evening were the brothers Harper, who ran up and divided the prize at the N.B.C. Brief details:—7st 4lb Competition: J. Morris (St. James's) beat Jem Watson (Hackney); George Clench (Clerkenwell) beat W. White (Clare Market); Joe Donovan (St. Luke's) beat Tom Pickering (St. Luke's); Harry Abrams (Bethnal Green) beat George Lushey (Clerkenwell). Semi-finals: Morris beat Clench; Abrams a bye, Donovan retiring. Final: Morris walked over, as Abrams refused to contest further. Six Rounds Contest: Jack Noble (Clerkenwell) beat Jack Street (Stoke Newington). Ten Rounds Contest: H. Wellington (Clerkenwell) beat George Farley (King's Cross) after a punishing battle for one round and a half.

FISTIO CARNIVAL AT PECKHAM.

As usual, an appreciative and orderly assembly witnessed the tournament provided by Harry Williams (Hatcham) at the well-known Glenall Gymnasium. A late start was made, but as fast as one pair left the arena another entered and kept the pot boiling. Three six rounds and one eight rounds contest is about enough to satisfy any sportsman, and the hitting was hard enough to put the veriest glutton on good terms with himself. In six rounds bouts Ted Smith beat Jack Ross, Courtney Veal beat Harry Cooper, and George Howden beat Jack Lamb; while in a hard-hitting eight rounds contest Charley Steel proved harder than steel when meeting Bill Marney, and caused him to give in in the second round.

GLOVE CONTESTS IN EDINBURGH.

A spacious and splendidly appointed gymnasium was opened in Edinburgh on Saturday night, under the management of Mr. J. B. Jack, ex-9st amateur champion of Scotland. The chief event of the evening was an eight rounds contest between Jack Tait (Newcastle) and George Morris (Birmingham). Tait, though the shorter of the two, was much stronger than Morris, who, by good straight left, saved himself a lot of punishment. Towards the end he went weak, and Tait scored a popular victory. Another item which aroused great interest was an eight rounds contest between George Henderson (Edinburgh) and Bob Peattie (Cowdenbeath). From the start the pair went at it at hurricane pace, but at the end of the second round it was easily seen that Henderson would be unable to stay the full number of rounds, and going weak from the straight, hard hits of Peattie, he retired at the end of the fourth round.

ATHLETIC DISPLAY AT CAMBERWELL.

Wyndham Road is to Camberwell what at one time Spitalfields, or rather parts of it, was to the East-end portion of the metropolis, and St. Philip's Hall is to the former exactly what Toynbee Hall is to the other. Both institutions try to raise the working man to a higher elevation, and in course of time the good work is certain of success. At the Pittman Street School-rooms the lads of the guild performed various athletic exercises last Wednesday evening, and pleased the large body of spectators that came from all parts of London to see how far these youngsters had improved, physically and mentally. A special feature was made of the Swiss drill exercises, every difficult position being performed gracefully and gaining rounds of applause. All the stages of dumb-bells, wands, barbells, &c., were passed, the intervening time being divided between vocal and instrumental music, and at a late hour the National Anthem ended the proceedings.

BILL HILL, OF THE WHITTINGTON and Cat, Brook Street, Birmingham, has an unknown at 10st 4lb he wishes to match for £50 a-side against Maurice Greenfield, of Birmingham. Bill Hill, in conjunction with Bill Le Neve, interviewed Mr. Pettinson as to that gentleman's willingness to give a purse. That gentlemen having agreed it only remains for Maurice Greenfield to come to terms. Bill Hill's unknown has never won a side stake.

Owing to pressure on our space we are compelled to leave over several current items of boxing, which will appear next week.

HARTLEPOOL ATHLETIC CLUB.

A grand boxing contest took place at the above club on Wednesday night last between Fred Atkinson, of West Hartlepool, and John Lauderdale, also of West Hartlepool, who had to fight ten two-minute rounds for a purse of £25. Betting, 6 to 4 on Lauderdale. Atkinson's seconds were W. Bowman and R. McElviny; Lauderdale's seconds were the brothers Greenfield and "Spot" Hanley; timekeeper, R. Boagey; referee, Albert Hird. Round 1 Atkinson led off, but Lauderdale responded gamely, and after a good fight Atkinson was declared the winner at the end of the fourth round. Lauderdale then challenged Atkinson to a further contest at an early date.

BARNSBURY AMATEUR BOXING CLUB.

A special meeting of the above club was held at their headquarters on Thursday, December 8, S. Birkin, Esq., in the chair. Among the important business gone through was the selection of president and officials. The following gentlemen were duly elected:—President, A. V. Mears, Esq.; hon. treasurer, W. W. Smith, Esq.; captain, W. Gatwick; vice-captains, J. Bell, T. Jarvis, and W. Stillman; instructor, Prof. A. J. Newton, this making his seventh season with the club. The following resolutions were put and carried:—"That rules 2, 3, and 7 should be slightly altered with advantage to the club. Members can obtain particulars of same from the hon. sec., H. B. Watson, 65, Barnsbury Road, N. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to their worthy chairman, and to Prof. A. J. Newton for the use of his rooms.

A CUP OFFERED FOR WARNES AND SMITH.

Lieutenant Moffat, one of Andrew Newton's old pupils, has presented him with a splendid silver cup (better, he says, than his amateur championship cup), besides a nice present in money. Andrew says he will put up a cup equal to one of the championships for his pupil Smith to box Warnes if Newton is allowed to second his man.

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LETTER FROM THE FRONT.

Willie Holt, now serving as Private Holton, writes a long letter from the front. Willie states that boxing is booming in Natal. Mike Nolan, who trained Jem Holloway, is now matched to fight Livesey for a good sum. This should be a good match. Heffernan and Tommy Duggan are likely to meet. Willie Holt wishes to be remembered to all the old folk at home.

WESTERN AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB.

A Rising and Well-patronized Club in Glasgow.

(With Portrait.)

A FEW of the most prominent members will be recognised in the persons of Alex. Still, ex-champion club swimmer of Scotland; Frank Boyle, boxer; L. Brown, swimmer (Northern Swimming Club); R. C. Clarke, sprinter; D. Gourlay, sprinter (ex-goal-keeper Queen's Park F.C.); Johnnie Boyle, well-known boxer and instructor; M. Kidd, sprinter; President Richardson; P. Monteith, sprinter; A. Brown, swimmer, N.S. Club; A. R. Lawrie, sprinter; John Cooper, instructor in dumbbells and weights; C. H. Cameron, distance runner, and others.

ATTACKED BY SNAKES IN AUSTRALIA.

His Chum Returns in Time to Kill the Reptiles and Save His Friend.

(Subject of Illustration.)

Two men, while prospecting for gold in Australia, had an unpleasant and curious experience. One had strolled out with his gun to hunt up something to fill the larder, and returned to their camp about an hour later to find his mate in a terrible fix. Three large poisonous snakes were preparing to attack him. Fortunately the return of his comrade managed to get him out of the danger, for with a shot apiece he quickly despatched the reptiles and saved his friend from a violent death.

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IKE WAUDBY.

A Youth Who Holds from Hull, and His Trainer, Tom Fashley.

(With Portrait.)

IKE WAUDBY, of Hull, started his boxing career in 1894, when he beat Ward, of Hull, twice in 6rds.; beat Tumbler, of Hull, in 3rds; beat Jem Smith, of America, in 20rds; beat Tom Savage, of Cardiff, in ten rounds contest, winning on points; beaten by Tuplin, of Grimsby, in 20rds; beat My Best, Unknown of Grimsby, in 10rds, at Wakefield; beat Jack Wheel, of Hull, in 10rds, at the Leeds City Gymnasium; beaten by Atkinson, of Bradford, in 20rds, at the St. George's Hall, Bradford; and knocked out by George Corfield, in 12rds.

BILL GRIFFITHS.

A Clever Welsh Boxer, Who Defeated Rees Owen on December 8, 1900, in Four Rounds.

(With Portrait.)

BILL GRIFFITHS first started boxing about two years ago. Won a competition in William Samuel's booth, next met "Pedlar" Mackman, of Swansea, by whom he was defeated in 8rds; beat Jack Hares, of Northlyr, in 3rds; and also in his last engagement, when opposed to Rees Owen, defeated the latter somewhat easily in 4rds.

DEATH OF TOM JENNINGS.

THE TRAINER OF GLADIATEUR, THE TRIPLE-CROWNED WINNER, AND HOW JEM MACE SAVED HARRY GRIMSHAW, THE JOCKEY WHO ROSE HIM.

IT IS NOT GENERALLY KNOWN that in 1865, when Gladiateur won the Two Thousand, Derby, and Leger, Count Lagrange, the owner, was in bad repute with some racing folk, and a determined attempt to lynch Harry Grimshaw, the jockey, was made when he was leading Gladiateur back to scale. Jem Mace dashed into the crowd and, seizing Harry Grimshaw, jumped with his charge through the window of the scaling-room. Mace was then matched with Joe Wormald, and "Bos" Tyler, who was looking after Joe's interests, thought Mace had cut himself so that he would be unable to fight Wormald and would have to forfeit; but Jem Mace, shaking his fist at "Bos," announced that he was all right. An injury to Jem Mace at this period would have been a bit of "fat" for "Bos" Tyler, for Joe Wormald had just injured himself when practising with the dumb-bells, and eventually had to forfeit.

Mr. Thomas Jennings, sen., died on Wednesday morning, at his Newmarket residence, in his seventy-seventh year. He was born on Christmas Day, 1823, at Shelford, Cambridgeshire, and many of his earlier years were passed in France, where he rode Native to victory in the Prix de Diane (French Oaks) of 1843. After this he trained for some seasons in Italy, and returning to France in 1850 he prepared a French Derby winner for M. Almont two years later in the shape of Porchos, while for Count de Lagrange he trained a Goodwood Cup winner in Monarque in 1857, and took the City and Suburban of the ensuing year by the aid of Mademoiselle de Chantilly. In 1861 he scored a great triumph in the Cambridgeshire for Count de Lagrange with the three-year-old Palestro, and from this time onward he took a high place in the ranks of English trainers, his candidates, more especially for events run for over a distance of ground, generally proving dangerous antagonists.

The Oaks success in 1864 of Fille de l'Air played the part of curtain-raiser to the classic victories in the following year of the great French horse, Gladiateur, by Monarque—Miss Gladiateur, which, in addition to winning for Count de Lagrange the Two Thousand Guineas, the Derby, and St. Leger, also carried off the Grand Prix de Paris, and as a four-year-old set the seal on his fame in the Gold Cup at Ascot. Four times more in later years Tom Jennings added the winner of this historic contest in Mortemer (1871), Henry (1872), Verfeuil (1878), and Gold (1890).

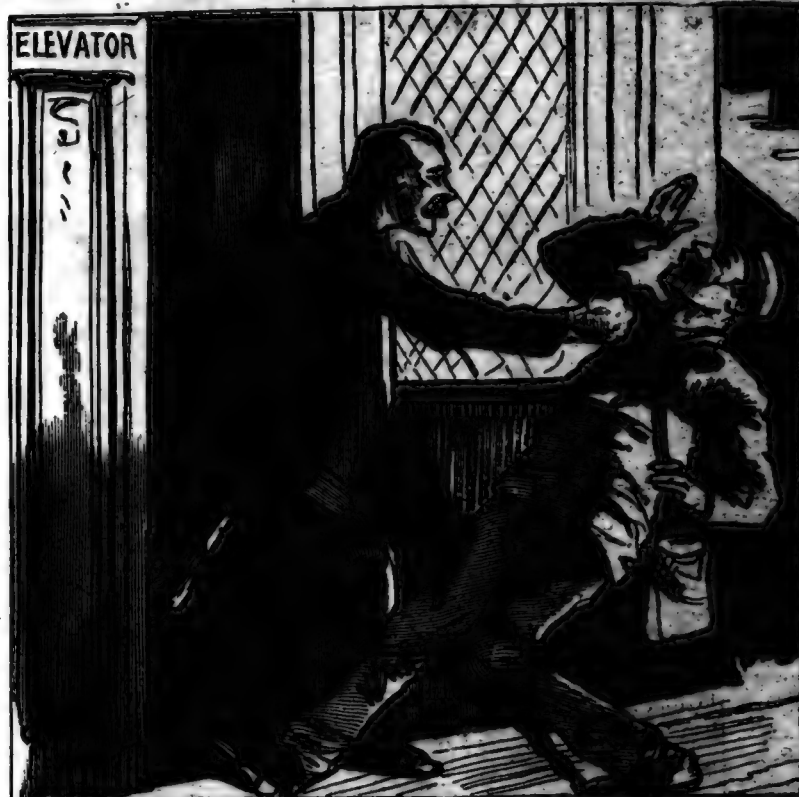
SINGING CHALLENGE.—OLD JOE Farrall, the veteran M.C., hearing so much of Mr. W. Pass's, proprietor of the Peabody Arms, High Street, Shadwell, singing abilities, will sing against him three songs, one Irish, one comic, and one sentimental, for from £1 to £5 a-side upwards as early as he likes in the new year. An answer through this paper will oblige and be immediately attended to, hoping this challenge is not neglected, as business is only meant.

RINGS.—IN A PREVIOUS ISSUE

of your paper I challenged to play rings with any man in Wales, and was accepted by Scarland, of Pontypridd, he stating that only business was intended. Stakes were laid to bind the match, but on the day appointed to play he showed his true colours, and finked. I am now prepared to play any man in England or Wales for £5 to £10, the Editor of THE MIRROR OF LIFE to be or to appoint a stakeholder.



EDWARD "COCKER" TWEEDIE,
Who Recently Defeated Ned Cullen in Eleven Rounds at
Melbourne, Australia.



THE MAN WHO RAN THE LIFT WAS A SCRAPPER,
And Stopped the Cheeky Postman with a Clip on the Point.



GEORGE CHRISP,
Of Newcastle, who Met Harry Smith at Ginnett's Circus,
Gateshead, December 17.



POLICE THREATENED WHILE RAIDING A POOL ROOM.
An Officer's Weapon (the Club) Is Respected in New York.



JOE GANS,

Who Met Terry McGovern at Chicago, U.S.A., on Thursday Evening, December 13.



JEM BUTLER,

The One-Legged Irish Champion at 10st 6lb.



THE LECTURER DISCOURSED ON THE MARRIAGE QUESTION,
And the Youthful Audience Kissed the Girls as a Protest to his Views.

AMERICAN GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
NEW YORK, December 8, 1900.

THE EDITOR, MIRROR OF LIFE, London.

TIM CALLAHAN appeared to great advantage in his six rounds specialty at the Penn Art Club. He took on "Kid" Broad and outpointed him throughout the bout. In fact, he landed with a frequency and spectacular effect that caused considerable uneasiness in Broad's corner, although it did not effect the "Kid" that way. He took the punching with the utmost good nature, and it did not seem to hurt or weaken him. Broad was as strong at the end as when he began, and in the fifth and sixth rounds made an improved showing, notably in the mix-ups, all of which went to indicate that in a long fight, under straight Marquis of Queensberry rules, Broad might have the victor's tale to tell. With a clean break-away governing the bout, Callahan started in under most advantageous conditions, seeing that his reach far exceeded that of the stocky lad who faced him. Tim planted left-hand jabs constantly, and his next most effectual treatment in stopping Broad's rushes were uppercuts, using both hands. Broad's fight with McGovern was evidently of great advantage to him. The bulldog style which has characterised the Brooklyn wonder in all his fights during the last few years was apparent in the Cleveland boy's every movement, but Callahan's cleverness more than offset his sturdy light opponent's endeavours.

What promised to be one of the fiercest six rounds mills ever seen in a local arena came to an abrupt and unsatisfactory ending in the third round of the bout between Ole Olson, the local feather-weight, and Dave Sullivan, at the Star Theatre, Chicago. Sullivan fought it out from the start, but in the third round his tactics were so off colour that Referee Siler could not do otherwise than declare Olson the winner. The easterner persistently pressed his forearm against Olson's neck, and with sufficient force to shut off the latter's wind, which greatly disabled him in the clinches, when Sullivan did most of the effective work. Siler cautioned Sullivan twice during the second round, and when the latter went to his corner the referee took the trouble to again remind him that he was not fighting fairly. In the third round the fighting was fierce, and Olson stock was booming. In a clinch Sullivan again forced Ole's head back with his glove and Siler ordered Sullivan to his corner and declared Olson the winner.

Before a crowded house at the Youngstown, Ohio, Athletic Club, Jack Hamilton, of Troy, N.Y., defeated Oscar Gardner, receiving the decision at the end of the twentieth round. It was the fastest bout ever seen there. The men fought at catch-weights. Hamilton knocked Gardner down in the thirteenth round and again in the nineteenth, when Gardner took a count of nine seconds, and managed to last the full limit by hugging and running around the ring. After the fight Gardner said his hands had gone back to him. This is Gardner and Hamilton's fifth meeting, each having won a bout and fighting two draws.

Jim Corbett has another iron in the fire. He has accepted the position as matchmaker of the newly organised athletic club in Cincinnati, which tried to sign him and Jim Jeffries for a twenty rounds bout. Corbett began his duties yesterday with negotiations for a match between Tommy Ryan and Jack Root. Ryan came to this city yesterday from Chicago and signed articles of agreement for the fight. Root has also accepted Corbett's offer and notified the ex-champion that he would sign the articles just as soon as he received them. Besides the \$5,000 purse, which they will fight for, Ryan and Root will battle for a side bet of \$1,000. They will meet in a twenty-rounds bout between January 1 and February 15, and will box at 158 pounds. Elwood McClosky, of Philadelphia, and Walter Edgerton, the "Kentucky Rosebud," met at the Cedar Park A.C., Philadelphia, in what was to have been a twenty rounds battle. Both showed equal skill until the close of the fifth round, when McClosky landed a fierce blow over his opponent's head, flooring him. He was unable to resume the fight. Jack Bonner, of Philadelphia, was referee.

Bobby Dobbs, the coloured light-weight, defeated Ed. W., the Southern light-weight champion before the Phoenix A.C., Memphis, Tennessee. The two came together in a twenty rounds struggle at catch-weights. After the fourth round Dobbs had things his own way. When the gong sounded for the sixth round Wall's seconds threw up the sponge.

The fifty-third match at Interstate Park between Phil Daly, of Long Branch, and Tod Sloan, the jockey, for \$250 a-side, resulted in a victory for Daly by a score of 43 to 42. It was intended that each man should shoot at 100 pigeons for \$100 a-side, but the easterly gale that swept across the grounds, coupled with the driving and blinding rainstorm, caused the match to be decided as above. Both

men shot in capital form. Daly was a trifle the steeper, but Sloan's judgment was excellent, and he used his second barrel with fine effect. Of his lost birds, four fell dead over the boundary. At the half-way mark they were even up, but in the last twenty-five Tod fell behind. After it was all over Sloan challenged the conqueror to another match, and they will have it out again shortly at the same traps. Hundreds of dollars changed hands on the result. Daly was the original favourite, but dropped back to an even money choice when the match began on the strength of reported marvellous shooting by Sloan abroad. Summary:—

Philip Daly, 30 yards:—										k. m.	
20122	22101	22222	12122	02220	...	21	4				
12121	22222	20222	1220*	22221	...	22	3				
Total										43	7

Tod Sloan, 30 yards:—										k. m.	
22*22	22212	20222	222*0	22222	...	21	4				
2*222	20122	*2222	22202	22112	...	21	4				
Total										42	8

* Dead out of bounds.
Referee: Thomas W. Morley.

There was no wailing or gnashing of teeth over here when the news arrived that Tod Sloan was barred from the English Turf, and if a mistake not his Todlets will get it in the neck from his own countrymen.

Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston millionaire, will display and race his great collection of horses in England, Germany, Ireland, Russia, and possibly Austria next year. His stable force, comprising about forty men and boys, will accompany the animals. Every Lawson horse of note, numbering forty-seven at present, will be taken. If Mr. Lawson's hopes are realised the number will include the two great trotting stallions, Charley Herr and Cresceus. He is anxious to exhibit a racing four that will have no superiors anywhere. One of these he has in Borloma. The stable will leave early in the summer and remain abroad all the season. From the big champion, Glorious Redford, down to the little eleven hand pony, Glorious Johnny, not a horse worth taking will be left at home. Borloma will head a group of twelve trotters, and the show horses will number thirty-five. The horses will first be shown at a large meeting in England. Following this, a meeting will be held in Ireland. The party will then cross the Channel and exhibit for two weeks in Germany. It will then proceed to Russia, where it will remain for twenty-two days. Mr. Lawson is trying to make arrangements whereby his stable may be shown in Vienna. The proceeds of the various meetings will be given to some English charity.

Robert A. McLennan, of Marathon fame, and one of the four men to break the record over the B.A.A. course in 1898, passed away at his home at Mount Auburn yesterday morning of appendicitis. The deceased was born in Scotland, twenty-four years ago, and came to this country with his parents very young. He was one of the best amateur distance runners in New England until two years ago, when he joined the professional ranks.

THE TATTLER.

THE LECTURER DISCOURSED ON THE MARRIAGE QUESTION.

And the Youthful Audience Kissed the Girls as a Protest to His Views.

(Subject of Illustration.)
THE theme the lecturer had for discussion that evening was the well-worn argument of "Is marriage a failure?" The company listened intently to the worthy professor's remarks, but as these were not based on personal experience they were not conclusive. At least the company were not on all fours with his many suggestions, and a couple of old maids who had seats on the stage made very good wall-flowers. After remarking that there was little or no love after marriage, some of the youths present took time by the forelock, and several pretty girls in the audience were kissed. This was only done as a protest to the lecturer's opinions, "that's all."

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TWO WOMEN, DISGUISED AS MEN, SEEK REVENGE.

A Romantic Ending to Shooting a Man.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A STRANGE affair is being investigated in Canada, in which two women have been charged with attempted murder under every romantic circumstances. It appears that a man named Albert Leroy, who already had a wife, whom he deserted and left nearly destitute, made overtures to another woman; but she, before marrying him, ascertained that he was already married, and the two women, masked, and dressed in men's clothing, and each armed with a rifle and pistol, waylaid Leroy. As he was riding past they shot his horse, also wounding the man. They did not attempt to escape, and were arrested. When their masks were removed they were discovered to be the wife and the woman Leroy wished to marry.

GEORGE CORFIELD.

Who Knew ed out the Winner in Twelve Rounds at the Stalybridge Gymnastic Club.

(With Portrait.)

GEORGE CORFIELD is a Sheffielder. His height is 5ft 3in. He made his first public appearance in Frank Howson's competition for all weights on July 8, 1890, but was beaten in the second round by Harry Clarke. Corfield won an 8st 4lb competition at Sheffield; knocked out Bob Fleming, 6rds; fought a draw, 21rds with "Dot" Fleming; beaten by Frank Kenny on a foul; beat Harry Clarke, 15rds; beat W. Wilson, 14rds; knocked out Joe Morton, 13rds; beat W. Brierley, 20rds; beat "Chappie" Moran, 20rds; beat Alf Gower, 20rds; beat Harry Maurer; beat Nunc Wallace, 18rds; beaten by Billy Plimmer, 7rds; beaten by Billy Plimmer, 20rds; beat "Paddy" Mahoney, 2rds; beaten by Jabez White, 5rds; beaten by Jem Williams, 12rds; draw with George Slark, 20rds; beat George Slark, 8rds; knocked out Ike Wandby in 12rds at the Stalybridge Gymnastic Club, December 4.

POLICE THREATENED WHILE RAIDING A POOL ROOM.

An Officer's Weapon (the Club) is Respected in New York.

(Subject of Illustration.)

THE new move by Tammany to clear out the pool rooms of New York has, of course, led to several scenes, and in many cases the police in their raiding expeditions in that city have met with resistance. At one club, on the police making their appearance, the proprietor drew a revolver and presented it at the head of the officer, but he quickly changed his intentions when he saw several others coming to the man's assistance. Already twenty to thirty of these clubs have now been closed, and under the new order of things there will be less gambling in the city.

"GINGER" MALLETT.

A Lad who has been Fairly Successful in the 1st Division.

(With Portrait.)

"GINGER" MALLETT, of Southwark, is a lad who, during the past two years, has met with a fair amount of success within the fistic arena. His weight at the present time is 7st, and he is willing to meet anybody at that. In contests he has met Jack Ragen (Bermondsey), Bill Male (St. James's) twice, "Duck" Corderoy (Lambeth), "Fatty" Smith (Bermondsey), "Ginger" Owen (Bermondsey) twice, Bill Murdock (Bermondsey), Fred Jones (Bermondsey), Bob Powell (Marylebone), Jem Emery (Borough), Charley Smirks (Lambeth). Contested drawn battles with Harry Slough (Southwark), Tom Prosser (Lambeth). Beaten by Harry Slough, George Spoony, and Charlie Smirks.

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HENRY THE FIFTH WILL MAKE his bow at the Lyceum on Saturday evening next, supported by an exceptionally powerful company.

ARTHUR ROBERTS IS FILLING the Standard Theatre this week with the new musical play, "The Cruise of H.M.S. Irresponsible," in which Arthur is irreplaceable.

MR. AND MRS. KENDAL HAVE secured the services of Miss Grace Lane to create a part in their new piece by Egerton Castle, to be produced next spring.

DURING A RECENT AND INTERESTING conversation with Mildred, the clever whistler, he informed me that he considered he was the best looking artist in the variety world. There is food for thought here.

THE PANTOMIME AT THE ELEPHANT and Castle will enjoy the services of a couple of first-rate comedians—namely, Newham and Latimar, who will play the ugly sisters in "Cinderella."

TOM FANGOURT HAS A PART IN "The Forty Thieves" in the forthcoming pantomime at the Crown, Peckham, which, I hear, delights him. The part is that of Mrs. Ali Baba. What, oh!

MR. TOM TINSLEY IS A CAPABLE and astute manager, and may always be relied upon to furnish a first-rate evening's entertainment. He has a capital programme this week at Gatti's (Road), one of the best turns being that of the Morton Comedy Troupe, whose singing is delightful.

MR. JACK DE FREGE HAS A VERY fine programme on tap at the London, and will even go one better at Christmas. He is the right sort to keep things going at a very enjoyable pace, and he does it.

"KING DODDAN," THE HERO OF the Britannia pantomime this season, will no doubt draw large crowds. A very clever and popular company have been engaged, amongst whom must be mentioned those old "Brit" favourites the Albert and Edmunds troupe.

"THE GAY CITY," A NEW VOCAL ballet divertissement, will be produced at the Alhambra to-night (Wednesday). The management have been compelled, owing to the heavy scenic effects, to make this postponement (it was originally intended to produce the ballet on Monday last). A novelty has been introduced into the programme in the shape of Delmore and Lee, who have been specially secured to come from America to fulfil this engagement.

THE FASCINATING "CASINO Girl" sings her farewell song and makes her final courtsey on Saturday evening next at the Shaftesbury. Everybody will be sorry when the clever company have left us, and pleasure-seekers will look in vain for an entertainment embodying that brightness and "go" which has been associated with this particularly merry piece. Meanwhile we await with interest Mr. Lederer's next production, and please let it be soon.

"MAN AND HIS MASTER" IS THE title of a cleverly noted sketch at the Queen's, Poplar. Rumbö Austin, the "Kid-vapper," the Three Missouris, some up-to-date pictures shown through the medium of the Bioscope, Joe Archer, and Miss Julia Feavour, &c., are also appearing. I think I have already mentioned that Mr. Fred Harris intends putting forth a colossal programme at Christmas, and that there will be a morning performance on Boxing Day at two o'clock.

MR. OSWALD BRAND WILL present a very fine panto. to patrons of the Grand Theatre, Islington. Harry Randall heads a merry crowd, including Cliff Ryland. The title of the pantomime is "Robinson Crusoe," written by Geoffrey Thorne, the music composed by W. T. Glidden, and the stately Miss Alexandra Dagmar as Crusoe, with Harry Randall as the mamma, ought to and will provide plenty of fun, while the Will Atkins of Cliff Ryland will, no doubt, prove a screamer.

DAVE.

ADAMS, OF H.M.S. JUPITER, wishes to inform Mr. Field that, owing to circumstances, he will be unable to enter in his forthcoming competition in January.

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